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Shoreline Park sewerage lines to be expanded

BY ED LEPOMA

A new building boom is expected in Shoreline Park with the announcement that more than \$2.1 million in federal funds are available to extend sewerage lines into more areas of the subdivision.

Hancock County's Wastewater District 1 held an informational public meeting Saturday, Jan. 24, and District Supt. Pamela Gauthreaux said an enthusiastic crowd of more than 100 persons turned out.

"A lot of them were people from Louisiana who have owned land for years in

Shoreline Park, but couldn't build on their lots because the Health Department said the area wasn't suited for septic tank disposal. They were excited that now they can finally begin to build," said Gauthreaux.

Gauthreaux advised those who want to begin building to come to the Wastewater District offices on Longfellow Drive, and she will provide them with a letter. Residents will be told to take the letter to Hancock County's Building In-

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County P&Z grappling with growing pains

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County Planning Commissioners have a tight-rope to walk and no safety net beneath them.

Each one of the five-member volunteer board is appointed by the district supervisor, and the Commission has actually been in existence since 1968. Commissioners serve four-year terms and Chairman Wayne Ducomb, Vice Chairman Skip Marsh and C. A. Russ are

holdover appointments made by previous supervisors. Since taking office in 1996, supervisor Jeep Ladner named Chris Ladner to represent his District 1, and District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward named Alan Dedeaux as her representative. Commissioners are paid \$40 for each meeting, and usually meet twice a month, but their workload has tripled since zoning was passed. Besides zoning, Commissioners also enforce the federal law that governs how development can

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Shoreline sewerage coming

Engineers released this map showing the proposed boundaries of a \$2.1 million project to extend sewer lines to 540 more home sites in Shoreline Park. The project might be put out to public bid in late May or early June. (Map courtesy of Duke Levy & Associates, Engineers)

Hancock Medical approved for additional beds

Hancock Medical Center received state approval Thursday for a Certificate of Need required to add 38 beds to the existing hospital. Upon completion, the acute care facility will have 104 beds.

"We are delighted that the state has recognized our need for additional inpatient accommodations," said administrator Hal W. Leftwich, FACHE. "This will enable us to provide medical services for more of

our rapidly growing population, and offer specialized nursing care for our patients."

The new medical/surgical wing will occupy the second floor of the women's and children's pavilion currently under

construction on the northeast corner of the hospital campus. The original project was designed to expand the obstetric, pediatric and women's services areas. More convenient ambulatory surgery services and

new family waiting rooms are also planned.

"The health care delivery system has evolved since the medical center was built 10

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Bay Catholic expansion to begin

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Bay Catholic Elementary School will break ground for a new building addition to be named in memory of the late Bishop Leo Fabian Fahey at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Bishop Joseph Howze of the Biloxi Diocese will be present at the ceremony along with students, faculty, staff, parish clergy and other guests.

Among the honored guests will be Princess and Edmond Fahey, whose generosity to the

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Bishop honored

Graduating from St. Joseph's Academy and St. Stanislaus, Bishop Fahey was baptized, received First Communion, Confirmation, later ordained priest and then consecrated in 1948 at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Pictured from left are: Most Rev. Leo Binz, Most Rev. Leo Fahey, Most Rev. Archbishop Joseph F. Rummel, Most Rev. Richard O. Gerow and Most Rev. Abel Caillaud. The little boy pictured in front is Edmond Fahey.



Bishop Leo Fabian Fahey

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OBITUARY

GEORGE M. CLEARY
CLAUDE E. MILAM
RITA ROBINSON
ANN LOUISE STEHLING
STELLAR THOMAS

GEORGE M. CLEARY

George M. Cleary, 78, of Lakeshore, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Cleary was a native of Taunton, Mass., and was an Air Force veteran of World War II. He was a computer operator with USDA and was a member of Central Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis. He was also a member of American Legion Post 77, Waveland, and VFW Post 4808 in Lakeshore.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Alice Cleary; a son, Michael E. Cleary; a stepson, Jimmy Kuhn; and a brother, Bernard F. Cleary.

Survivors include his wife, Violet Shafer Cleary of Bay St. Louis; two stepsons, Ronnie Kole of Lafayette, La., and James Kuhn of Lakeshore; three daughters, Maureen F. Cooley of Independence, La., Virginia Cleary Lavergne of Jacksonville, Fla., and Meryl Paul Rigaud of Gretna, La.; three stepdaughters, Sandra Bernos of Lakeshore, Rhonda Murfin of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., and Bobbi Ballero of New Orleans; a brother, Edward J. Cleary Jr. of Providence, R.I.; a sister, Mary Bisio of Raynham, Mass.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and 13 stepgrandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at Central Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

CLAUDE E. MILAM

Claude E. Milam, 74, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, January 28, 1998, in Gulfport.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

RITA ROBINSON

Rita Robinson, 69, of Diamondhead, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1998, in Diamondhead.

Mrs. Robinson was a native of Queens, N.Y., and was a housewife. She was a member of Annunciation Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alexander J. Robinson; her parents, William and Marie Grawin; and a brother, Walter Grawin.

Survivors include a son, Alexander J. Robinson III of Richwood, Texas; a daughter, Barbara Gibbons of Diamondhead; and three grandsons.

Visitation was Friday at Annunciation Catholic Church, followed by services. Burial was private.

The family prefers memorials to the American Diabetes Association.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

ANN LOUISE STEHLING

Ann Louise Boshardt Stehling, 87, of Biloxi, died Monday, Jan. 26, 1998, in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Stehling was a native of San Antonio, Texas, and had been a resident of Gulfport for 46 years before moving to Biloxi in March. She formerly was the kindergarten director of Christ Episcopal Day School in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis R. Stehling.

Survivors include two daughters, Annette and Jim Quint of Mobile, Ala., and Bunny and Wally Wilson of Houston, Texas; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Biloxi. Services were conducted Friday at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Biloxi, followed by burial in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.

The family prefers memorial contributions to the Methodist Retirement Community, 1450 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, or the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 610 Water Street, Biloxi.

STELLAR THOMAS

Stellar Mae Thomas, 72, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Jan. 26, 1998, in Gulfport.

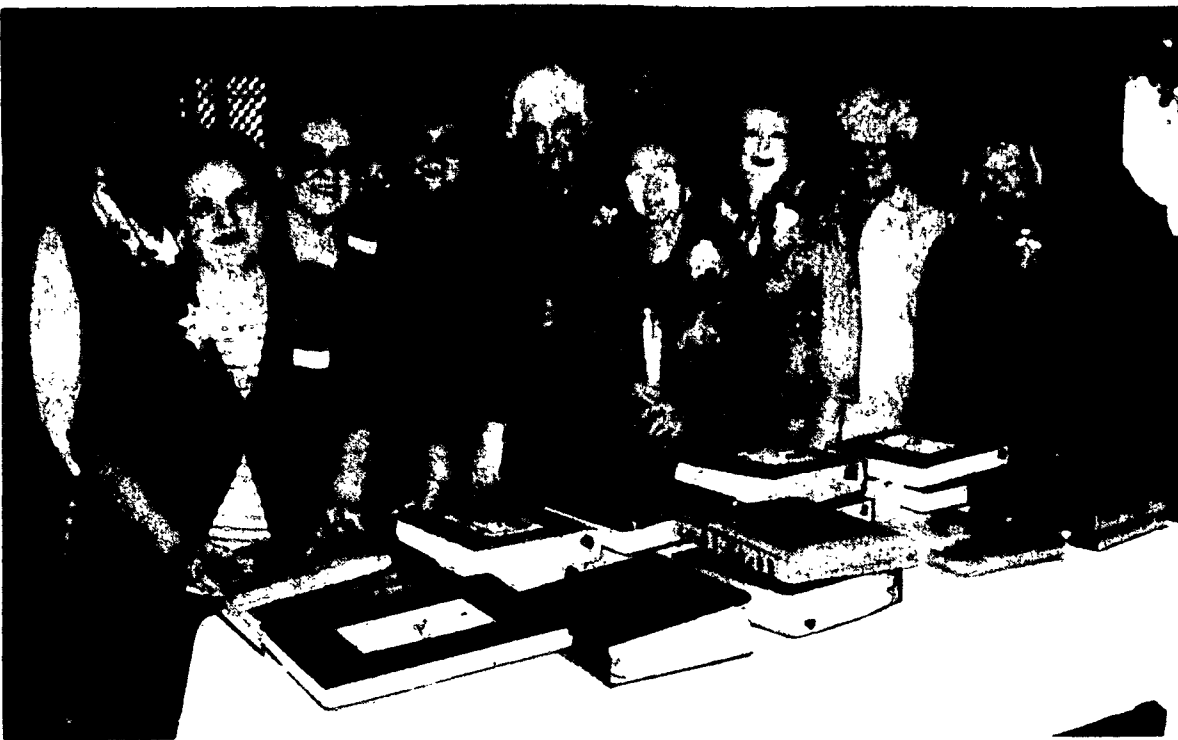
Mrs. Thomas was born May 15, 1925, in Clinton, La., and had been a resident of Mississippi since 1956. She was a member of St. John Baptist Church in Clinton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willie Spears and Julian Barnes Spears; six sisters, Celestine Spears, Mary Muse Spears, Alene Williams, Creola Muse Spears, and Puge Reams Spears; and three brothers, Jessie Spears, Exaka Spears, and Willie Spears Jr.

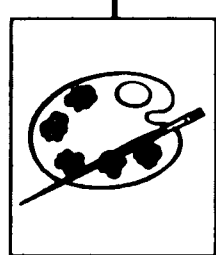
Survivors include a daughter, Thelma Williams of Pass Christian; six sons, Monroe Thomas, Johnny Thomas Jr., Rovell Thomas Sr., Eddie Thomas and Jury Thomas, all of DeLisle, and Herman Thomas of San Diego; three sisters, Lotie Selders, Zelmara Galmon, both of Clinton, and Berthella Gross of Denham Springs, La.; two brothers, Steven Spears and Harvey Spears, both of Baywood, La.; 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Friday at George and Lillian Lockett Memorial Chapel of Lockett-Williams Mortuary in Gulfport.

Burial was Saturday in St. John Cemetery in Clinton.

**Diamondhead Garden Club**

Eleven former presidents of the Diamondhead Garden Club were present Dec. 7 to celebrate the club's 25th anniversary. Honored at the luncheon were, from left, Nancy Yarbrough, Billie Sorensen, Virginia Criss, Gerri Garberg, Shirl Templet Mundy, Betty Claggett, Grace Finley, Brierley Acker, Marion Kollasch, Johnnie Boatright and Jean Keen.

**ARTIN' ABOUT****Ohr Center hosts reception**

Waveland artist Joseph Anthony Pearson has created a body of portraits celebrating the unsung heroes of the community. The show highlights Col. Lawrence Roberts, one of the famed Tuskegee Airmen.

Some of the honorees are Dr. Gilbert R. Mason, founder and first president of the Biloxi branch NAACP and State Rep. Francis Fredericks.

The opening reception is Saturday, Feb. 7, 6-8 p.m. at the George E. Ohr Arts and Cultural Center in Biloxi.

For information, call (228) 374-5547.

Calligraphy workshop
 Pass Christian Art Association is sponsoring a two-day calligraphy workshop, "Exploring the Italic Hand."

The workshop will be held March 7 and 8 in the Senior Center of Pass Christian and will be taught by Ann Rabinovitz of New Orleans and is limited to 18 students.

Hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a charge of \$70 for the two-day workshop.

For registration, supply list and biography of the instructor, phone (228) 466-0069 or (228) 452-7995 before 8 p.m. daily. Deadline for registration is Feb. 28.

Hillyer House

Hillyer House January-February exhibits include "Fish" watercolors by Mary Jane Cox of Louisiana, "Mermaids" hand-blown sculptures by Mark Payton of Ohio, "Water Fountains" pottery by Lorraine Oretz of Virginia, porcelain, gold and beaded sea-creatures "jewelry" by Cynthia Chung of New York.

The collection is on display and for sale. Hours are 10-5 Monday-Saturday, 12-5 Sunday. Hillyer House is located 207 East Scenic Drive in Pass Christian, (601) 452-4810.

Submissions to Artin' About should be sent to The Sea Coast Echo, P.O. Box 2009, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520. Notices will be edited and published on a space-available basis.

USA honor

University of South Alabama President Dr. Frederick P. Whiddon announced the following students received scholastic honors during the 1997 fall quarter.

Bay St. Louis
 President's list: Daphnia Maria Crosby.

Waveland
 Dean's list: Dalana Jean Cheney.

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Haidi Suzette Kerbl, Christopher Joseph Penton and Brooks Charles Quinlan.

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Your loving wife,
 Little and Children
 Perry, Sandra, Brenda,
 Joe, Wayne and Michael

MSMS Interview Day

The Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science will hold Interview Day for high school 10th graders who are interested in attending MSMS Feb. 21 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Retiring physician honored

Hancock Medical Center hosted a reception honoring chief radiologist Dr. Andrew K. Martinovich Jr., right, who retired after a 41-year medical career in Hancock County. Jeanie R. Moran displays his photograph, which will be placed in the Radiology Department. Commendations were received from Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, Governor Kirk Fordice, the City of Bay St. Louis and the Hancock County Board of Supervisors. Others offering remarks were HMC vice chief-of-staff Bertin C. Chevis, MD, new radiology chief Laura Justice, MD, HMC Board of Trustees president, the Rev. Charles Johnson, and administrator Hal W. Leftwich.

Bay St. Louis P&Z approves B&B

BY MARY G. SEILEY
A request to turn 115 Washington St. into a bed and breakfast establishment was endorsed Wednesday by the Bay St. Louis Planning and Zoning Commission.

The recommendation goes to City Council for action on Tuesday. Plans call for a four-room inn, to be operated under the standard set of restrictions the city has placed on similar establishments.

In 1995, the commission had approved the property's use as a bed and breakfast, but the applicant said he feared he wouldn't be able to provide enough off-street parking for a five-room inn. He said fewer rooms than that would make the operation economically unfeasible. But a new owner, Matthew B.A. Matulich, is asking for only four guest rooms.

With expanded parking on the east and west sides of the dwelling, Matulich can provide eight spaces, with additional parking places behind the privacy fence at the structure, city officials were told.

When the request came up in 1997, there were several neighbors in opposition, and several who expressed concerns about the parking, signs and noise that the operation might generate. Others said they had no objections as long as the usual stipulations that the city places on bed and breakfast establishments were made to apply to 115 Washington as well.

The hearing last Wednesday brought only one spectator to the meeting, who had concerns about the parking situation.

City officials have approved a total of five other bed and breakfast operations in various locations in the city.

Tiger band at Disney EPCOT

Special to the Echo
Bay High School Band has received the honor of being invited to perform in EPCOT at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. during April 1-5. The Bay High band will be performing in front of an international audience and representing Bay St. Louis.

Because the Walt Disney World Resort is one of the most requested venues for guest performing groups from around the world, the Bay High band had to meet stringent performance criteria to receive the invitation.

Not only was the Bay High School Band required to have musical talent, but they also had to meet the requirements of precision in execution in music and movement, perform with energy and display a sense of stage presence. It is an honor for the Bay High School Band to

have been invited to perform in Walt Disney World and represent Bay St. Louis.

The Bay High School Band makes numerous performances each year. During the 1997-98 school year, the band has performed at all Bay High football games, had a Christmas concert and marched in two Christmas parades.

The Bay High School Christmas Celebration Ensemble gave three performances locally. The Bay High School Band was the featured band for a conference held at Stennis Space Center and played for the VFW on Veterans Day.

In addition to the Walt Disney World performance, the Bay High band is scheduled to perform in three Mardi Gras parades and has been invited to perform in the American Legion National Convention parade to be held in New Orleans.

A spring concert is also scheduled in April. Individual students in the band have been recognized by being selected to attend State Band Clinic, Gulf Coast Clinic and the Lumberton Regional Band Clinic.

Band students are raising money to pay for this trip. For information, contact Catchie Crider, director of bands at Bay High School, at 467-4772.

Gun raffle to benefit scholarship

The MS Gulf Coast Det. USMC League is holding a raffle of a Stagner IGA double barrel 410 shotgun to raise money for a scholarship. R.B. Peterson, spokesman said.

The Brazilian-made, checked, double-trigger shotgun has a 3-inch chamber.

Donations are \$2 each or three for \$5. Winner need not be present to win with a March 10 drawing.

Peterson can be reached at 466-0867 for further information.

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Legislature Notes

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Notes from the 1998 Legislature's third week: Lott's Legacy

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott's legacy for Mississippi might be seen in the U.S. House, not just in the Senate.

Two of Mississippi's five congressmen worked as aides to him. First there was Roger Wicker, who won Jamie Whitten's 1st Congressional District seat in 1994. Then Chip Pickering last year resigned from Lott's staff and easily captured the 3rd District post in central Mississippi, formerly held by G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery.

This year another congressional seat is coming open—the 4th district.

Lott said he knows of at least one former aide of his office interested in running, but said he has not talked to any present staff members about the race.

"It might be dangerous to have a third," he joked.

—Rule-Making

Less than two years after an advisory committee on rules of procedure in the Mississippi courts was created, lawmakers appear ready to shelve it.

The committee was created in 1996 with—depending on who you ask—acceptance by the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Justices have zealously guarded what they see as their sole responsibility to make rules for how Mississippi courts are to operate.

Sen. Bennie Turner, D-West Point, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the few meetings of the advisory committee have been less than cordial and the justices want to get rid of it.

Ironically, the law passed in 1996 replaced one that previously allowed the court's rule of procedures to be placed into state law.

The justices—and many lawyers in the Legislature—could not agree to that because virtually no one in the legal system wanted court methods locked into state law.

And the rules of procedure are complicated. They can cover what evidence can be used, how certain defendants can be questioned and how judges must instruct juries on matters of law.

Turner said the justices consider any legislative intrusion into its rule-making authority a violation of the constitutional separation of powers.

Legal secretaries to meet

The Harrison-Hancock Counties Legal Secretaries Association will meet at a new location for February 5, Shirley Brossette, spokesman said.

The Thursday meeting will be held at Shoney's, Highway 90, Gulfport, near Courthouse Road at 5:30 p.m.

The speaker's topic will be "Financial Management."

Newcomers are invited, and first dinner is free. Call Mary Ellis 432-5588 for membership information.

Public Notice

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., PLAINTIFF
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CAUSE NO. 97-0781
By virtue of the hereunder stated execution to me directed by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, I will on the 5th day of March, 1998, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, within the legal hours of 11:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M., expose to sale, at public outcry, to the highest and best bidder for cash, all the right, interest and claim of the Defendant(s), Sterling Williams, Jr., owner in and to the following described real property, to-wit:
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Lot 3, Block 6, Unit 7, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 1, as per map or plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;
and
Lot 69, Block 13, Unit 7, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 2, as per map or plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;
and
Lot 59, Block 6, Unit 11, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 2, as per map or plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi;
which has been levied on as the property of the Defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy the judgment entered in this action in the amount of \$2,171.04, together with delinquent assessments from October 26, 1997, plus interest as provided for in the covenants of Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association, Inc., from date until paid and attorney's fees in the amount of 20% of the amount owed, together with all costs of this proceeding.
TIM A. KELLAR, Commissioner
2-11; 2-6; 2-9-98

—Motor Voter

The chairman of the House Elections Committee has promised committee members they will see a motor voter bill.

The deadline for the committee to act on a motor voter bill is Feb. 3.

Rep. Bill Denny, R-Jackson, however, declined to be tied down to a date.

"I would request that we take up motor voter and get it out of the way before we take up the other bills," said Rep. Tomie Green, D-Jackson.

Denny said the bill will come up before the deadline.

Denny is a known opponent of motor voter, which allows Mississippians to register to vote at places like driver's license stations.

But Denny has said he will go along with a bill that includes a requirement the voters carry some identification with them when they go to vote.

Gov. Kirk Fordice has said he will veto any motor voter bill that does not have the ID requirement.

The Senate has sent the House a motor voter bill without any ID provision.

Bay High class plans reunion

The Bay High Class of 1988's 10-year reunion is planned for the summer of 1998. The committee is searching for addresses of class members.

Those interested in receiving information about the reunion, or having addresses of individuals who have moved away, contact Melissa Harvill Karno at 255-7962 as soon as possible.

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"CUEVAS" QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

The Bay High School Band members have been invited to perform at EPCOT at Walt Disney World in Orlando, April 1-5.

This is a great honor for our Tiger band. They will be representing our area for an International audience.

I spoke to band director Catchie Crider, who reports the band members are very busy trying to raise monies for the travel to EPCOT.

She reports this is a big honor for the boys and girls of Bay High School, because band members had to meet requirements in many areas to receive the invitation.

It will cost some \$170 per band member for the trip. The figure for one person is not great, but when you add the number of band members, that is another matter.

The band's members have been selling candy and will participate in Mardi Gras parades in order to raise some of the funds needed. Some parents are helping, too.

It appears the band will need some help from the community in order to make the trip a reality, and they are a deserving group. It is hoped that some businesses and individuals will come to the aid of band members and offer some help.

It is hoped that the necessary funds will be available for the band members through their efforts and the helpful hand of others.

If you feel you can help, give Crider a call at Bay High School, 467-4772.

The Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Reception in Jackson Thursday evening was a tremendous success.

The food, many desserts and refreshments, donated by many Coast businesses, were fantastic.

The crowd was elbow-to-elbow, and Hancock County had very good representation.

This past week Cindy Vernon, Hancock Chamber of Commerce, was very busy in putting together "goodie bags" of items from Coast businesses for the legislators.

She was then involved in making sure the legislators got their packages. Vernon received some help from Hancock County Development Tourism Director Beth Carriere and Coast Chamber and tourism folks.

I had an opportunity to talk at length with our Representatives J.P. Compretta and Dirk Dedeaux and State Senator Scottie Cuevas.

In conversations I had with other state legislators, they all agreed they look forward to the Coast's reception, as it is the best of all each year.

J.P. told me that when the session opens, the date everyone wants to know is when the Coast reception will be held.

It takes the efforts of many to make the big event a success, and I want to personally take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you.

By the way, we had a great time on the bus to Jackson and also on the return.

I would like to mention a few names, but that may get me in trouble. One chamber member had happy birthday sung to her a number of times. Who knows, she may have aged several years on the trip. P.S. Happy birthday again.

Registration continues on Sat., Feb. 7, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Walmart, Waveland, for Bay St. Louis Girls Little League Softball players.

The girls ages are 4-18 and must be accompanied by a parent, or guardian. For further information call, Wade Koenenn, league president, 467-6010.



States point

Hancock County School District Superintendent Terry Randolph, left, states a point to Hancock County Port & Harbor Executive Director Hal Walters on Thursday night at the Coast Chamber of Commerce's Legislative Reception in Jackson. Several school board members, supervisors and others were also involved in conversation, possibly related to a tract of land being sought by both the port commission and school district which is involved in litigation. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)



FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

By State Senator Scottie Cuevas

High-profile bills stay alive as funding sources considered

More than 1,200 Senate bills will meet their first hurdle toward success or failure Tuesday, Feb. 3, when the committee consideration deadline passes.

Last week, only a few bills were debated on the floor so that we could spend the bulk of our work-time meeting in committees.

On Thursday, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved a variety of bills dealing with high-profile subjects, including:

- A statewide system of trauma care, SB 2165;
- A statewide public defender system, SB 2239;
- A statewide revision of the Youth Court System, SB 2633; and
- College loan and scholarship programs in SB 2077, SB 2531 and SB 2536.

While most of us understand that we may not be able to afford all these programs this year, the Appropriations members wanted to keep the bills alive so that work can continue on funding for some of them. Next, the full Senate will get a chance to consider them.

In the Judiciary Committee, bills were approved to create a Crime Victims' Bill of Rights (SB 2352), to make multiple murders a death-penalty offense (SB 2872); and to require executions by lethal injection (SB 2874).

Training a concern

During the past several months, considerable legislative attention has been given to our state's shortage of skilled construction workers.

Senate Bill 2013 was passed by two committees — with the support of the construction industry — and seeks to fund construction and craft training programs at state high schools, community colleges and universities.

The proposal requires all contractors to pay an additional \$100 when they apply or renew certificates of responsibility, although licensed residential builders are exempted.

Attention also has been focused on how best to improve Mississippi students' reading skills, a factor in avoiding delinquency and in being successful.

Opposition came from senators who do not think the bill should include authority for local school districts to operate day-care, extended-day or pre-kindergarten programs.

Supporters argued that local districts should be given wide authority to institute whatever programs they believe will help raise reading skills.

Among other education bills gaining approval were:

- SB 2286 to authorize a character-education program in public schools;
- SB 2836 to require an annual assessment of the Adequacy of Education Funding

Program;

— SB 2572 to allow school district employees to donate leave-time to another employee suffering from a catastrophic injury or illness; and

— SB 2387 to combine the state school teachers' and state employees health plans for benefits simplification and some streamlining, committee members were told.

Earlier in the week, the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee gave its approval to SB 2500 for a \$200-million program through 2008 to replace and repair local bridges, as well as increase the number of bridges eligible to be worked on.

More buckling up

Mississippi passenger safety law was expanded by the Judiciary Committee with passage of SB 3025. The proposal requires every passenger-vehicle operator, every front-seat passenger and every child from 4-8 years of age to be wearing a properly fastened safety seat-belt. Children under the age of 4 already are required to be secured in safety devices.

If violated, the new law fixes a maximum \$25 fine against the vehicle's operator.

In the Wildlife & Fisheries Committee, proposals were approved to require courts to notify the Department of Wildlife Fisheries & Parks about wildlife violations (SB 2667); to revoke fishing, hunting or trapping privileges for violations (SB 2673);

To prohibit use of light-amplifying devices for night hunting (SB 2881); and to increase the penalty for illegal sale of wildlife (SB 3041).

These bills were approved by the full Senate on Friday.

The Finance Committee passed SB 2607 to create a program to provide management training to state employees.

The Senate and House have until the close of business Feb. 12 to take floor votes on general bills and constitutional amendments that were approved by committees.

Sen. Scottie Cuevas can be contacted during the Legislative Session by calling 601-359-3770 or by writing P.O. box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215.



FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE

By Representative J.P. Compretta

Teacher shortages, child health care and crimes

Submitted by

Rep. J. P. Compretta

Scrambling to meet a major legislative deadline, members of the House of Representatives directed their attention in the past week to issues such as economic development, teacher shortages, child health care, crimes against the elderly and voter registration laws.

Major floor action included passage of two bills intended to help Mississippi compete for a large, international manufacturing facility with an initial 1,100 full-time jobs, paying an average \$15 an hour. The state reportedly is one of the top contenders for the firm.

The legislation would authorize \$25 million in bonds under the existing Mississippi Business Development Act for the venture designated as "Project Cougar," with another \$25 million authorized through the state's Major Economic Impact program.

Total bonding authority for both programs also would be raised. The Project Cougar bonds would not be issued if the firm goes elsewhere.

Stiffer penalties would be authorized for crimes of violence against senior citizens under another bill gaining House approval. The measure provides that anyone convicted of a violent crime against a person who is 65 or older could receive a sentence or fine of up to twice the punishment otherwise allowed by law.

Other highlights of the week included:

Committee approval of a sweeping proposal designed to help ease teacher shortages in many parts of the state. Key features include full scholarships to college students who agree to teach in areas having a critical shortage of teachers, reimbursement of moving expenses for teachers, appointment of three persons by the Department of Education to serve as professional teacher recruiters, and financial incentives to experienced teachers to take university course work to become school administrators.

A statewide children's health care program was recommended by the Public Health and Welfare Committee to bring Mississippi in line with a new federal law to help states provide coverage for uninsured children.

A measure providing for registration of voters for state elections if they are registered under the National Voter Registration Act, commonly known as Motor Voter, was cleared by the apportionment and Elections Committee.

The committee voted down a proposed strike-all amendment that included provisions to require voters to present valid identification at the polls. The bill already has been passed by the Senate and now goes to the full House.

The towering stack of legislation considered in committee included bills involving the Youth

Courts system, campaign finance reform, a statewide trauma care network, changes in insurance laws, a commission to work on developing a public defender system;

Appointment of experienced lawyers to represent indigent defendants in post-conviction appeals in death penalty cases; A proposed juvenile correctional facility, conservation issues, seafood laws, testing of genetically engineered seeds by the Agriculture Department;

A uniform arbitration act to help resolve legal disputes, revisions in state Ethics Commission laws, boating accident reports;

Consumer finance statutes, raising the age of sexual consent, additional nursing home beds, special nursing care facilities for Alzheimers disease patients, and numerous others.

Four constitutional amendments were recommended by committee including a proposed change in the initiative process, specifying that only qualified Mississippi voters would be allowed to circulate petitions for the purpose of proposing an amendment to the state constitution.

A measure to place school attendance officers under a new unit in the Department of Education was among several bills approved by the Education Committee.

Bills passed by the House included proposals to designate attempted murder as a separate offense under the state's criminal laws; reduce the minimum age to serve on a jury from 21 to 18; include the crime of stalking as an offense for which an arrest may be made without a warrant for an act of domestic violence;

Increase the penalties for certain offenses committed on or against river levees; broaden the law on justifiable homicide to include a place of business;

Establish a state law on money laundering in line with federal statutes; expand the powers of the Mississippi Agricultural and Livestock Theft Bureau to investigate all agriculture-related crimes;

Grant a one-year extension on a law authorizing the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks to regulate hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing, guide and outfitter services;

And extend the repealer until July 1, 2000, on a law that provides for issuing permits for sale of certain game fish, hybrid bream and hybrid black stripe crappie, as a pilot program.

A list of bills introduced in the House can be found at the City-County Library on Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis.

Rep. Compretta can be contacted during the Legislative Session in Jackson at (601) 359-3362, P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215-1018 or in Bay St. Louis: P.O. Box 128, Bay St. Louis, MS 39529, (601) 467-1010.

Bill reduces age for jury duty

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Mississippians with the gambling bug could not beg off from jury duty under a bill passed Wednesday by the House.

The bill, which now goes to the Senate, would also lower the age for prospective jurors to 18 from 21.

An habitual gambler is among the exceptions to jury duty now provided in state law.

"In the past when a judge asked someone if they were an habitual gambler, the only response a judge would get is a chuckle from the people assembled," said Rep. Ed Blackmon Jr., D-Canton, the Judiciary B Committee chairman.

"Now there is gaming on every waterway in the state and we are encouraging the practice and spending the money gaming brings in. I don't think we ought to now cause them (gamblers) any undue embarrassment by asking this question," Blackmon said.

He said reducing the age of jury duty only makes sense because 18-year-olds are already making "very weighty" decision now.

"Surely they are mature enough to make decisions in the courtroom as they are to make decisions in the voting booth," Blackmon said.

Letters Welcome

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address or phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste. Only one letter per writer per month will be published. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters.

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REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

"Clinton vetoes bill banning partial-birth abortions."

Grosser, more inhuman immorality can scarcely be imagined. Yet, this was headline news for barely a day or two with little passion to show. After that, it was not newsworthy; at least, it was nothing remotely close to headline news.

"Clinton denies intern affair. Friend secretly taped her confession, sources say."

Paling by comparison to the murderous practice of partial-birth abortions, Intergrate or Zippergate, as it has been variously nicknamed, has gobbled up an unbelievable amount of newsprint space and radio and TV precious air time.

Repeatedly and in almost every U.S. newspaper, such headlines have been bombarding us

daily since the rumors about President Bill Clinton and White House intern Monica Lewinsky began to swirl and intensify into a political gossip storm.

Poor Pope John Paul II and Fidel Castro took a back seat to a prurient, hot sex story sure to bring more money into the coffers and hike the ratings of all the media. If Clinton was busy tarnishing his soul, the media was selling theirs.

Never mind that the extraordinary events in Cuba would eventually do far more to shape the future of the island, the hemisphere and the world. Those events, according to the media and their adoring disciples, rate below celebrity sex.

No one disputes the gravity

and shamefulness of the offense of sexual promiscuity in the White House, if indeed it occurred. Aggravating the sin of marital infidelity would be the corruption of a much younger, more innocent person.

Say what you will about the awfulness of such a sexual aberration, and you will be calling it right morally. One can even say that the media feeding frenzy over celebrity blunders and tasteless, arrogant hedonism is long overdue.

If so, that leaves a glaring defect in the manner of reporting by the media. If we grant that the media is within bounds reporting on Intergrate/Zippergate, then we have to take them to task for being wimpy on something more serious.

Not at all popular nor acceptable to most is the notion that partial-birth abortions are morally more heinous, more inhuman, more shameful and more destructive than illicit sex between consenting adults. Yet, that is a cold fact of life.

A simple veto by the Presi-

Library's book discussion group meets this week

The Continuing Silence of a Poet by A. B. Yehoshua is the election to be discussed at the library's book discussion group's next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 4 7 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the discussion group began in March, 1990. Since that time, they have completed 110 readings from great books (Plato, Hobbes, Locke deTocqueville, Freud, the Bible, among others), Mississippi fiction, play readings and 20 philosophical questions. The group will meet every other

Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The source material for the new series is *Parent and Child*, published by The Great Books Foundation. Reading selections have been chosen to stimulate lively shared inquiry discussions. This collection brings together works from around the world that speak to each other on a theme of universal significance.

Several copies of *Parent and Child* are available for checkout from the library.

Information is available by calling David Woodburn at the library at 467-5282.

Library's story hour

"Mardi Gras" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Waveland Library Literacy Center Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1 p.m. The Magic Carpet Program, partially funded by the Viburnum Foundation, offers storytelling, and family reading enhancement to 3- and 4-year-old children and their parents or guardians.

"Surprise" will be the theme at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library Wednesday, Feb. 4 10:30 a.m.

What's What? Surprise, Surprise! and *There's a Duck in my Closet* are books to be read. Children will make an origami craft project.

"Valentine's Day" will be the theme at the Kiln Library Thursday, Feb. 5 at 10:30 p.m. *A Village full of Valentines*,

One Zillion Valentines and *Will You Be My Valentine?* are books to be read. Children will make Valentine's cards and receive a color sheet.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one hour. The Kiln Library hosts a story hour every other Thursday.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school-age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For story hour information, contact David Woodburn, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Public Library, 467-5282; Sandra Ladner, Kiln Library, 255-1724; or Donna Hutchings at the Waveland Library Literacy Center, 467-9240.

Mental health commissioner honored

Anita Lamb of Bay St. Louis was among 23 original members of regional centers' mental health commissions, as well as commission members with 20 or more years of service honored by the statewide Mental Health-Mental Retardation Commissions Group at their recent quarterly meeting, held at Hudspeith Regional Center in Whitfield in Rankin County.

Lamb received recognition for 21 years of service as a commissioner for Region XIII, Gulf Coast Mental Health Center

during a special ceremony at the beginning of the meeting.

The regional mental health commissioners are appointed by county boards of supervisors and serve as the local governing entities of the 15 regional community mental health/mental retardation centers across Mississippi.

For more information on recognition of the mental health commissioners at this special event, contact Margo Swain at (601) 323-3926.

Start training now for Stennis Special Olympics

Athletes should begin training now to qualify for the 16th annual John C. Stennis Area III Special Olympics Track and Field Competition March 28.

To be eligible to play, athletes must be at least 8 years old (no upper age limit), be mentally retarded and must have a current medical form on file with the Special Olympics.

Ralph Anderson, Area III director, urges all eligible athletes to sign up for this fun-filled day of games and activities.

"Volunteers and athletes alike enjoy this wonderful day at Stennis. Once you've been, you will want to participate again," said Anderson.

Athletes may contact Anderson at (228) 832-6448 to obtain additional information and the

necessary paperwork.

More than 285 athletes took part in the 1997 track and field competitions which included metered walks and races, wheelchair/assisted walks and races, running and standing long jumps, shot put, softball and tennis throws, and bocce ball.

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General registration for the spring trimester at William Carey College will be Tuesday, Feb. 3 in Tatum Court on the Hattiesburg campus.

The spring term will begin Feb. 23 and end May 14. Day and evening undergraduate and graduate classes will be offered. Master of business administration in executive leadership offers flexible schedule for working adults which allows completion of degree without interrupting employment.

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For information about registration, or to receive advisement, call the Registrar's Office at 1-800-962-5991 or 601-582-6195.

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USM forum series spotlights diverse topics

Prominent author Kurt Vonnegut highlights a diverse lineup of six University Forum speakers coming to lecture this spring at the University of Southern Mississippi.

All presentations in the Honors College lecture series are at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in Bennett Auditorium. They are free and open to the public. The spring lineup:

— **Feb. 3:** Roger K. Newman, "Sex, Censorship and the First Amendment: Legal Issues Surrounding the Internet."

Newman, an acclaimed author and leading authority on constitutional issues, is currently a research scholar at New York School of Law. His biography of Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black received the Scribes Book Award and was a finalist for the biography Pulitzer Prize.

Newman is also co-author of *Banned Films: Movies, Censors and the First Amendment*. In recent years, he has lectured extensively on censorship and the First Amendment — appearing frequently on radio and TV, including *Entertainment Tonight*.

Newman's visit, which includes talks to USM classes, is co-sponsored by the South Central Mississippi Bar Association.

— **Feb. 10:** Dr. Ali A. Mazrui, "Cultural Continuity and Political Change in Africa's Experience: The Passions and the Politics."

Mazrui is Albert Schweitzer Professor in the Humanities at the State University of New York in Binghamton and also a professor at the University of Jos in Nigeria.

Originally from Kenya, he has been a consultant to the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity. He is the author of more than 20 books. His extensive television work includes the highly acclaimed 1986 PBS series *The Africans: A Triple Heritage*.

Co-sponsored by USM's African-American History Month Committee, Mazrui offers the annual Armstrong Branch Lecture, honoring USM's first two African-American students.

— **Feb. 17:** Dr. Daniel S. Hamermesh, "The Future of Work and Wages in America."

Hamermesh, Edward Everett Hale Centennial Professor of Economics at the University of Texas, is also a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research, a fellow of the Econometric Society and an economics adviser to the National Science Foundation.

His books include *Labor Demand and The Economics of Work and Pay*.

Hamermesh's research ranges from labor demand, social insurance programs and unusual applications of labor economics to such issues as suicide, sleep and the allocation of

time, and the economics of beauty.

His University Forum lecture is the annual Boardman Business Forum, co-sponsored by the College of Business Administration.

— **March 3:** Kurt Vonnegut, "How to Get a Job Like Mine." Vonnegut, an internationally acclaimed author of 14 novels, is perhaps best known for *Slaughterhouse Five*.

Other works include *Hocus Pocus; Breakfast of Champions; Welcome to the Monkey House; God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater; Deadeye Dick; Mother Night; Fates Worse Than Death; Cat's Cradle; and The Sirens of Titan*.

His writing has been interspersed with a wide variety of activities, including lecturing in the University of Iowa's Writer's Workshop; serving as the Saab Dealer for Cape Cod; lecturing in English at Harvard; serving as distinguished professor at City College of New York; and establishing himself in the movie industry with his own production company.

— **March 17:** Dr. Frances Fox Piven, "Welfare and the Transformation of America."

Piven, Distinguished Professor of Political Science and Sociology at City University of New York, is one of America's leading authorities on welfare policy.

Among her 10 books, she's best known for *Regulating the Poor: The Functions of Public*

Welfare (1971, 1997), co-authored by her husband, Richard A. Cloward.

The American Sociology Association recognized her achievements by awarding her its first Lifetime Achievement Award in Political Sociology. An activist as well as a scholar, Piven was one of the founders of the National Welfare Rights Organization. Her lecture is part of USM's National Women's History Month celebration.

— **March 21:** Dr. Samuel Adler, "America's Contribution to the Arts in the 20th Century."

Adler, a recently retired composition professor at Eastman School of Music, is an acclaimed composer, conductor, teacher, author and scholar. Many of his more than 400 published works have been performed or recorded by major ensembles such as the New York Philharmonic, the Chicago Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Boston Pops.

His USM presentation will conclude with a performance of Adler's *Acrostics* by Dana Ragsdale, Stephen Redfield, Paul York, Sharon Lebsack, Patricia Malone and Wilbur Moreland, all School of Music faculty.

Co-sponsored by the College of the Arts, Adler's lecture is part of a week-long residency.

For more information about University Forum presentations, call 266-5762.

USM offers Cuba Studies Program

Students, university research professors and journalists can make a rare visit to Cuba this summer through the University of Mississippi's Cuba Studies Program.

The program will be offered June 14-25. Students may select from courses in Health Care in Cuba; Themes in Cuban History; and Cuba Studies: Economic, Social and Tourism Development.

The program — offered through USM's College of International and Continuing Education — will begin with a general

orientation session June 14-15 in Cancun, Mexico, where participants will receive an overview of Cuba.

Activities will be provided for all participants while in Cuba. Some of the tour sites may include walking tour of Old Havana, the Museum of the Revolution, a cigar factory and Ernest Hemingway's various hangouts.

A two-night stay is planned for Varadero Beach, Cuba's principal tourism area. The program also is flexible enough

to allow individual students and researchers time and opportunities to pursue their particular interests.

The cost is \$2,099 for qualified university research professors and others not for credit, \$2,199 for undergraduates, and \$2,499 for graduate students.

This includes visa fee, group transportation in Cuba and most breakfasts.

Participants will be responsible for airport taxes in Cancun and Havana (approximately \$15 each), other meals, enter-

tainment and individual research and transportation expenses.

Registration will be accepted on a first-come basis. A non-refundable deposit of \$200 is due with the application form by April 1.

The program director will apply to the U.S. Treasury Department for travel licenses on behalf of all applicants.

For information, contact the director of the Cuba Studies Program, at (601) 266-5147 or (601) 266-4202.

Lawmakers consider public defender bills

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—When Quitman County spent \$171,000 to prosecute two men for killing a farm family, the tab was paid with a tax increase. Chancery Clerk T.H. Scipper said a little help from the state would have been nice.

Simpson County District Attorney Rusty Fortenberry has spent \$30,000 so far in preparing to try a man in the deaths of two Jefferson Davis County lawmen. He said he has advised supervisors to set aside \$100,000 for the case. The county does not have the money in its budget.

Lawmakers are considering a statewide public defender system that would provide some legal help indigent inmates charged with capital crimes.

The House Judiciary B Committee heard from supporters Tuesday. The committee approved two bills—one would provide for a phase-in of a public defender system after a one-year study; the second would allow for appointment of a lawyer to represent a poor defendant in death penalty cases. The bills now go to the Appropriations Committee.

Rep. Ed Blackmon, D-Canton, the committee chairman, said no cost estimate has been provided on providing attorneys to indigent capital murder defendants. However, he said while the costs of a public defender system range from \$6.5 million to \$10 million, the bill initially would cost about \$300,000 to get the study done.

Scipper, Fortenberry and former state Supreme Court Justice James Robertson endorsed the public defender system.

Robertson said the bill, when ultimately phased-in, will address the "serious problems of delay that we've had in carrying out sentences because people didn't have lawyers."

"Mississippi is one of three states that does not provide any funding for this important aspect of criminal justice. It is a budgeting nightmare at the county level," Robertson said.

Scipper said Quitman County conducted three trials in 1990 to convict Robert Simon and Anthony Carr in the murders of the Carl Parker family. However, he said the county was not ready for a price tag of \$170,902. Of that

amount, about \$71,600 went to the pair's attorneys.

He said the county had to issue bonds to pay for costs of the trials and then raise taxes to pay off the bonds.

Scipper said the trials and spring flooding "nearly bankrupted the county."

Fortenberry said he has seen court filings from attorneys requesting fees of up to \$120 an hour. He said while those fees are usually negotiated to lower amounts, the counties cannot anticipate such expenses for indigent legal representation.

Fortenberry is preparing for a May trial for Eric Snow, charged with killing two

Jefferson Davis County deputies in February while being transported to a prison in Rankin County.

"Any supervisor who asks me what my opinion is I tell them to budget \$100,000 for these cases but their budget year has already gone," he said.

Fortenberry said counties can budget for court costs associated with defending burglaries and other crimes but where "counties are getting hit hard are in capital murder cases that literally happen when they are passing through the county and the adjoining counties from which it started cannot assist."

House Bill would charge fees to taxpayers using credit cards

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Rankin County Tax Collector Alice Heard does not worry about bank fees when folks come in to use credit cards to pay taxes or buy car tags.

"I am one of the lucky ones. We don't charge the customer and the bank does not charge me. All of my money goes into this bank. That possibly makes a difference," Heard said.

However, a House bill would make it easier for motorists to use credit cards to buy tags and the counties to pass the transaction fees on the taxpayer.

Rep. Charlie Williams, R-Senatobia, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said counties have no authority to pay the bank fees and cannot charge such fees

off the taxpayer.

"This bill allows them to collect the fee and add it to the amount of the tag," Williams said. "There are a substantial number of people using credit cards. They may not have the cash immediately or they don't want to go make a loan to buy a tag."

"But the counties have no way to pass the fee on or absorb it," he said.

Hinds County dropped the credit card option last July after 15 years of accepting them.

"I think the position my board (of supervisors) has taken on a 3-2 vote is they will not pay any cost associated with the credit cards. I always felt like the cost should be passed on the tag purchaser then we could allow cards to be

used," Tax Collector L. Glynn Pepper said.

Pepper said taxpayers he has talked to believe the county should pick up the credit card transaction fee.

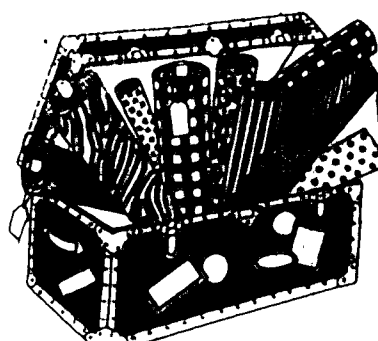
"They can't understand why the county can't absorb the cost. They look at it like building a new road or providing any other service to the taxpayers," he said.

Pepper said the bill might be an inducement for supervisors not only in Hinds County but other counties to look at credit card purchases.

"It is a controversial issue. I wish my board would reconsider but I'm not bringing it back up unless there is change in their vote," he said.

Rankin County's Heard said local taxpayers like the credit card option.

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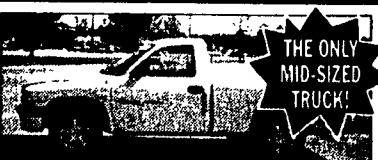
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Baehr, Mary, seatbelt violation, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Cao, Bai, speeding, fined \$101; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.
Caruso, Angela, careless driving, fined \$76.
Cipolla, Carolyn, seatbelt violation; ran red light/stop sign, affidavit withdrawn.
Coe, Martha, speeding; careless driving, affidavit withdrawn.
Coe, Roderick, speeding, fined \$126.
Colson, Wendy, reckless driving, affidavit withdrawn.
Dedeaux, Alvin, ran red light/stop sign, affidavit withdrawn.
Ellis, Joshual, obstructing city street/hwy., affidavit withdrawn.
Favrot, William, ran red light/stop sign, fined \$101.
Fleming, Brian, speeding, fined \$126.
Harrington, Sylvester, careless driving, fined \$76.
Hart, Philip, ran red light/stop sign; seatbelt violation, affidavit withdrawn.
Hill, Ronald Sr., driving on suspended license, affidavit withdrawn.
Hodgin, Pamela, seatbelt violation, dismissed; speeding, fined \$101.
Holder, Robert, speeding, fined \$126.
Kenmar, Dewey, speeding, fined \$106.
Lambert, Gail, speeding, fined \$106.
Layne, Shirley, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Leyser, Leslie, ran red light/stop sign, affidavit withdrawn.
Marcussen, Charles, improper equipment/no safety helmet, not guilty; driving w/license suspended, fined \$276.
Mumme, Theodore IV, reckless driving, affidavit withdrawn.
Noto, Lawrence, seatbelt violation; ran red light/stop sign, affidavit withdrawn.
Pace, Jonathan, seatbelt violation, fined \$25; speeding, fined \$106.

Parsons, Louis, speeding, fined \$106.
Parsons, Tanya, ran red light/stop sign; seatbelt violation, affidavit withdrawn.
Robinson, Bruce, ran red light/stop sign, fined \$101.
Schrp, Janelle, expired/improper/no or switched tag, affidavit withdrawn.
Thomas, James, ran red light/stop sign, fined \$101; seatbelt violation, fined \$25.
Favre, Star, speeding, affidavit withdrawn.
Perilloux, Andrew III, speeding, fined \$106.
Pooser, David, speeding, fined \$106.
Saucier, Mindy, seatbelt violation; expired/improper/no driver license, affidavit withdrawn.
Thomson, Sidney, ran red light/stop sign, fined \$101.
Vaughn, Kimberly, failure to yield right of way, affidavit withdrawn.
Bonack, Darlene, M., public drunk/profanity, fined \$150.50.
Payard, Rhonda L., disturbance of family, 6 months suspended, 2 years probation.
Gensler, Laurentine, bad check, two counts, for each count fined \$100 plus \$50.50 to make restitution for bad check.
Jackson, Donald R., shoplifting first offense, fined \$425.50; shoplifting first offense, fined \$425.50.
Maisonneuve, Lucien, public drunk/profanity, 5 days suspended jail time, 6 months probation.
Mercer, Roxanne, bad check, fined \$150.50 to make restitution.
Page, Michelle J., bad check, fined \$150.50 and restitution; trespassing/malicious mischief, 15 days consecutive; bad check, five counts, each count fined \$150.50 and restitution.
Sipsey, Patricia M., public drunk/profanity, fined \$150.50, \$100 suspended.
Spellman, Don T., simple assault, 6 months suspended, 2 years probation.
Huey, Dwight, contempt of court: failure to pay fine, two counts, time served.
Page, Michelle, contempt of court, two counts failure to pay fine; two counts failure to appear, fined \$150.50 each count.

Pages assist State Senate

Mississippi young people are serving as pages during the 1996 Legislative Session, which opened Jan. 6. The session is scheduled to end April 5.

Working in the State Capitol



State page

Jessica Parker of Kiln, center, recently served as a page in the Mississippi Senate. Pictured with her is Lt. Gov. Ronnie Musgrove, left, who is the Senate's presiding officer, and Sen. Scottie Cuevas of Pass Christian, her sponsor for the week-long visit to the State Capitol. Typically, pages run errands for senators and assist Senate staff. Parker is the daughter of Jesse and Beverly Parker.

Ziegeler in program

Sean Ziegeler of Waveland is one of more than 775 students participating in the Cooperative Education Program at Mississippi State University.

After completing this third work semester with Naval Research Laboratory at Stennis Space Center, Ziegeler will be returning to the Mississippi State campus to complete the requirements toward a degree

in computer engineering.

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SPORTS

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Basketball roundup

Bay Lady Tigers down Petal; showdown with Hancock Tuesday

Chanda Haley scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Bay High to a 70-42 rout of Petal on Friday night at the Tigerdome.

Christina Bradley and Shenma Ambrose added 12 points each, and Tabitha Wilkerson 10 for the Lady Tigers. Ambrose also had seven steals and six assists.

The win improved Bay High's overall record to 25-2, and Division 7-4A record to 10-1. It also

sets up Tuesday night's showdown with Hancock High at the Hawk gym.

Earlier this year, Hancock stopped Bay High's unbeaten streak with an upset in the Picayune Tournament. Hancock was 17-5 and 9-1 heading into a nondistrict game Saturday night against St. Martin.

The winner of Tuesday night's game, the regular season league finale for both teams, will enter the division tournament as the top seed.

Bay High is the two-time division champion.

The division tournament is scheduled Feb. 16-20 at St. Stanislaus.

The game should start at approximately 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. In other games:

Forrest County 53, Pass Christian 42 — Leslie Smith scored 31 points and had six steals in the Lady Pirates' loss at the Pirate gym.

Pass Christian fell to 12-16.

Lumberton 57, Our Lady Academy 36 — Jessica Kellar scored 11 points for the Crescents, 3-21.

BOYS

Bay High 67, Petal 61 — A

25-18 fourth quarter rally was the difference in the Tigers' victory.

Marc Price led Bay High, 15-8, 8-4, with 24 points. Stevie Lizana added 19 points and nine rebounds.

Bay High closes out the regular season division season on Friday at Stanislaus in the annual Mayor's Cup game. Tipoff is 7:30 p.m.

Both teams are tied for second in the division race.

Pass Christian 54, Forrest County 41 — Rudy Bell scored 23 points and Lauren James added 13 in the Pirates' victory.

Pass Christian improved to 17-10, 7-2.

Soccer roundup

Crescents win 1-0; retain first place

Our Lady Academy sunk the Lady Admirals 1-0 in a big division contest Friday night in Gulfport.

Kristin Cannon scored for the Crescents in the first half. That was all the points the stingy OLA defense needed, as they hung tough and held off several Gulfport threats, including a penalty kick, to preserve the win.

Eight grader Ellen Ladner earned the shutout in goal.

The first place Crescents improved their record to 15-3 with the victory. They are 11-2 in district play.

OLA will face the undefeated Ocean Springs Lady Greyhounds Tuesday at 7 p.m. in a battle of division leaders at Rockachaw Stadium in Bay St. Louis. The junior varsity team will play at 5:30 p.m.

Bay High 6, Picayune 1

The Bay High Tigers defeated the visiting Picayune Maroon Tide 6-1 Thursday night in high school soccer.

Greg Dupuy scored a hat-trick, accounting for three of the Tigers' goals. Brandon Dupuy, Mark Perniciaro and Jeffrey Rose rounded out the Bay High scoring.

Brandon Dupuy, Trevor Kingston, Perniciaro and Jason Rieben each had an assist.

The Tigers are 10-5 on the season and will face Harrison Central at 7:30 p.m. Monday and then close out the season at Hancock Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Bay High girls 5, Picayune girls 0

The Bay High Lady Tigers

shutout the Picayune Lady Tide 5-0 Thursday in Bay St. Louis.

Amanda Kingston scored three goals and Andie Fillingame had two as the Lady Tigers improved their record to 9-4.

Fillingame also had three assists and Sky Thomas had one. Renee Jensen recorded the shutout in goal.

The Lady Tigers close out the regular season on the road. They will be at Harrison Central Monday and at Hancock on Tuesday. Both games are set to start at 5:30 p.m.

PRCC golf schedule

Pearl River Community College has released its 1998 golf schedule, according to PRCC athletic director Keith Daniels.

Mike Humphreys is entering his sixth season as golf coach at PRCC.

The schedule is:

March 17, host team Copiah-Lincoln Community college at Wolf Hollow, Wesson

March 18, host team Southwest Community College at Percy Quinn State Park, McComb

March 31, host team Meridian Community College at Northwood Meridian Campus

April 6, host teams Gulf Coast/Pearl River Community Colleges at Pine Burr, Wiggins.

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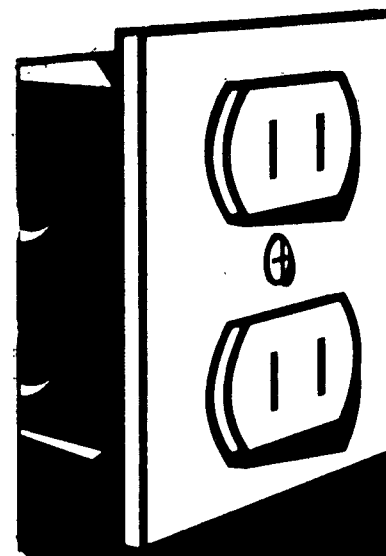
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Sun Coast Speedway will hold Test and Tune

Sun Coast Speedway in Pass Christian will begin Test and Tune sessions starting the first Saturday in February and continue each Saturday of the month.

The track will open at 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with an admission charge of \$5, children under 12 free.

Track owners Emile and Barbara Robicheaux have hired Aubrey McKenzie as track manager and promoter for the coming season.

McKenzie started as a car owner and driver before taking

over the Hattiesburg Speedway as owner and has recently been associated with Pike County Speedway in McComb.

McKenzie lives in Collins with wife Beckie and their two sons. He can be reached at (601) 765-6900.

Rules books and information on events for the coming season will be available at the track starting the first Saturday in February. The track will open for the '98 racing season March 7 and will continue through October.

Tickets on sale for Globetrotters

Tickets go on sale Monday, Feb. 2 for Biloxi's appearance of the 1998 Harlem Globetrotters World Tour. Known as the most popular, most recognized basketball team in the world, the Harlem Globetrotters are suiting up for an all-star performance at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

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The famous red, white and blue will face their worldly opponents, the New York Nationals. And, youngsters and adults can meet their favorite stars and get personal autographs after the game.

Game time is set for 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 5. Tickets are from \$10 to \$22 plus TicketMaster fee. Tickets are available at the Coliseum Box Office, all usual TicketMaster locations, or charge by phone at 228-385-2600.

Discounts are available for seniors, youth 12 and under, groups of 20 or more and military personnel and their dependents.

Full female undercard scheduled at Grand

Grand Casino Biloxi, in association with Event Entertainment, presents an evening of women's boxing at the Biloxi Grand Theatre Sunday, Feb. 15. Two IFBA championship fights and a full all-female undercard are scheduled.

One scheduled 10-round event for the IFBA Bantamweight championship will feature Yvonne Trevino (6-1-2, 2 KO's) versus Bridgett "Baby Doll" Riley (4-1, 1 KO).

On Aug. 2, 1997, at the Biloxi Grand Theatre, Trevino won (and still holds) the IFBA Bantamweight title. A native of Peoria, Ariz., Trevino was featured in the first women's fight on network television, ABC's "Wide World of Sports."

In another scheduled 10-round bout, Gina Guidi (8-1-1, 3 KO's) will go toe-to-toe against Dora Webber (12-1-2, 6 KO's) for the vacant IFBA Middleweight title. Webber is coming off an unanimous decision over England's Jane Couch. Guidi stunned the crowd in May when she knocked out Angela Buchanan in the first round of her IFBA eliminating bout to earn the No. 1 ranking in the middleweight division.

The full all-female undercard is scheduled to have Lightweight Tracy "The Lady" Byrd (8-0) and a yet-to-be-named opponent. Also scheduled are Bantamweight Paula Faye (3-0, 1 KO) against Christine Dupree (1-1, 1 KO) in a re-match of their exciting Aug. 2 match. The final bout will include "Dynamite" Dee Dufoe against Shirley Prescott.

PRCC women athletes to be honored

Pearl River Community College will honor all of its women athletes and athletic managers during halftime of the PRCC-Southwest men's basketball game Thursday, Feb. 5 in M. R. White Coliseum in commemoration of the 12th annual National Girls & Women in Sports Day.

The PRCC women's team will also play (6 p.m. tipoff). The men's game tips off at 8 p.m.

PRCC women's softball coach Laurie Neelis said all area junior high and high school women athletes are invited and will be admitted free.

Theme of 1998's National Girls & Women's in Sports Day is "There Are No Limits."

The special night is sponsored by J. C. Penny, Girl Scouts of America, Girls, Inc.; National Association For Girls & Women in Sports, Women's Sports Foundation and the YWCA.



Coast homecoming court

The Coast Episcopal Homecoming Court was selected recently to reign over basketball homecoming festivities. They are, from left, Freshman Maid Cristina Estupinan, Sophomore Maid Jamie Allen, Senior Maid Mary Alice Boyd, Queen Lizzie Tower, Senior Maid Mara Saccoccia, and Junior Maid Rebecca McRaney.

Morning Glory bowling results

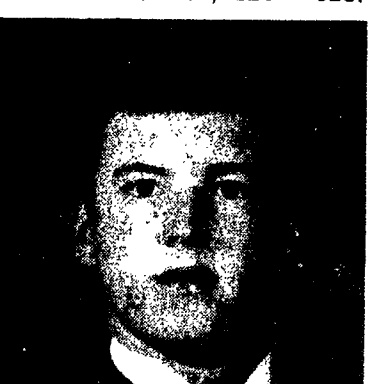
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Player of the Week

St. Stanislaus senior Kile Foster has been named Player of the Week for soccer. Foster has accumulated three goals and seven assists this season for the Rock-A-Chaw soccer team and scored the winning goal in a 2-1 soccer victory over Harrison Central recently. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Foster of Bay St. Louis and currently is a member of the St. Stanislaus two-time state champion soccer team and the baseball team. He is also Student Council vice president and has achieved Alpha Honor Roll status.

Norm Postier 268, 207 - 656, Brian Tames 216, 211 - 622, Jack Thorne 201, 245 - 640, Rusty Schenk 212, Kirby Gowan III 204, 247, 246 - 697. Jim Deters 238, 202; Nick Deters 206, James Smith 222, 228 - 623, Terry Smith 213, 226, 223 - 662, Sam Cittadino 247, 300, 255 - 802, Rickey Miller 236, 266 - 677.

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Tuesday Nite

Mixed Up

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Ladies Nite Out

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Jeffery Munyan 279, 231, 238 - 748, Jerry Richmond 220, 201, 219 - 640, Jerry Bond 249, John Johnson 234 - 627, Jimmy Braun 212, 232 - 611, Jeep Myers 254, 206, 224 - 684, Clifford Vix Jr. 224, Robert Hendricks 224, 209 - 608, Lee Hertz 235, Norm Postier 226, 211, 213 - 650, James Boudreaux 231, Ricky Johnson 222, 270, 226 - 718, Rick Collins 268 - 628.

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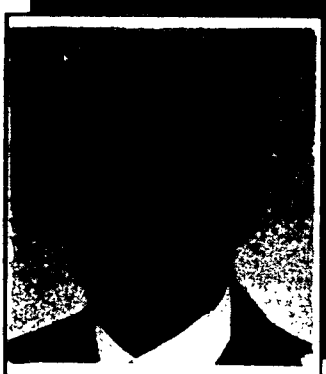
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Gold may not be as shiny as it looks



FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Craig Foster
Edward Jones Co.

Remember the story of King Midas? He wished that everything he touched would turn to gold. Midas got his wish, but it wasn't long before he was yelling, "Uncle!" instead of "Gold!" He soon discovered that steak tasted better than bullion.

Throughout history, nations have gone to war for gold. Countries are rich in gold while their people starve. In 19th century America, the forty-niners suffered unbelievable hardships in their efforts to find gold — and most were unsuccessful.

What's the lure of gold? Some financial specialists believe gold is the ultimate weapon against inflation. As paper money becomes less valuable, they say, the intrinsic

value of gold becomes a haven. Because inflation is the investor's worst enemy, doesn't it make sense to fight it with the strongest weapon, gold?

Maybe.

It's true that as an investor you should try to beat inflation. If you hide your money under the mattress and come back in 10 years, you'll find that your stockpile has lost almost half of its buying power. That's what inflation does — it eats up your buying power.

What if, instead of dollars, you stuffed gold in your mattress? USA Today's John Wagoner recently wrote about that possibility.

Even with inflation under

control, the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which measures inflation, has risen 42 percent in the past 10 years. Gold, the alleged inflation fighter, fell from \$450 an ounce on May 31, 1987, to \$345 an ounce at the end of May 1997. That's a 23 percent loss without even considering the impact of inflation.

Even without the loss in value, there's a big expense in buying, selling and storing gold that's beyond the scope of this column. And what about those people who bought gold when it was more than \$800 an ounce? Ouch.

Some investors looking for a less risky way to buy gold have turned to mutual funds. But while most mutual funds

have experienced positive returns in recent years, gold funds have taken a hard punch on the chin. According to Lipper Analytical Services, sector funds investing mainly in gold-mining companies are down almost 1 percent in the past 10 years. Compare that to the average stock fund, which gained 228 percent over that period.

Still, some people continue to argue the merits of gold as an investment. No doubt, there are those who have become wealthy on gold. At the moment, however, only the unsinkable Molly Brown comes to mind.

For the serious investor, gold is something that costs you to own and pays no interest or dividends in the meantime. The only way you can benefit is if it increases in value — and gold hasn't done that in a long time.

There are no guarantees in investing, but wouldn't it be smart to put your money where the odds are in your favor? Take a look at the following chart and decide for yourself.

Gold vs. Stocks and Inflation

Total Return			
	1 yr.	5 yrs.	10 yrs.
Avg. stock mutual fund	15.1%	109%	228%
Avg. gold mutual fund	-23.0%	39.1%	-0.8%
Consumer Price Index (CPI)	2.5%	14.8%	42.1%

Source: Lipper Analytical Services through May 1997

USM to offer management courses

Area business professionals can improve their skills by participating in American Management Association courses at the University of Southern Mississippi this spring.

Three short courses, offered through USM's Department of Continuing Education and the American Management Association, allow participants to become more effective in their present employment position and gain skills needed for future advancement.

Upon completing six AMA courses, participants will earn the AMA Certificate in Management.

Tuition for each course is \$243 — which includes the text, one multiple choice test and one case study.

Management courses offered this spring include:

Fundamentals of Finance

and Accounting for Non-financial Managers, offered 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 16-March 23. Participants will learn how to understand basic financial data, deal more effectively with financial experts and accountants, administer business transactions more accurately and become a better informed decision-maker.

The course will be taught by Dr. Jim Henderson, USM's vice president for business and finance.

Fundamentals of Marketing, offered 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Feb. 19-April 2. Participants will learn how to integrate advertising, sales promotion and public relations into their marketing strategies; manage the entire marketing

process; and design a marketing information system to give

them a competitive edge.

The class will discuss the latest technology in marketing such as e-mail, databases, the internet and video kiosks.

The course will be taught by Janet Parish, an instructor in USM's Department of Marketing and Finance.

How to Build High-Performance Teams, offered 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, April 9-May 14. This course focuses on the how to keys of team-building from recruiting the right team members to empowering them with authority and responsibility.

Participants will learn how to build and manage successful teams, maximize team productivity by encouraging group discussion and problem-solving, overcome teamwork barriers and manage interpersonal conflicts among team members.

The course instructor is Dr. Bob Boothe, associate professor in USM's Department of Management and Information Sciences.

The AMA courses are offered as part of Continuing Education's Better Business Series, six seminars offered at USM this spring that aim to provide area business people with an opportunity to improve their skills for better business and career development.

For information on the Better Business Series or to register for the AMA courses, contact USM Continuing Education at (601) 266-4186.

Resource seminar offered

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There is no fee for this seminar, but pre-registration is required. To pre-register or for information, contact the USM Small Business Development center at 228-865-4578.

Mississippi's Realtors release year-end home sales figures

If 1998 is anything like 1997, this year will be a tremendous year for Mississippians looking to buy or sell a home. The year-end 1997 Mississippi Home Sales Report, released by the Mississippi Association of Realtors (MAR), shows that Mississippians bought and sold more than 14,000 homes in 1997, averaging approximately 1,200 transactions a month.

Last year's thriving real estate market can be credited to consumers' positive attitudes and a healthy state economy, explains MAR President Cynthia S. Joachim of Biloxi.

In 1997, the state's unemployment rate was the lowest it has been since 1979, there was a rise in tourism due to gaming industry, and this summer, the state's consumer confidence index reached its highest level registered since 1994," says Joachim.

The summer is usually the busiest time of the year in real estate. This seasonal trend and last summer's high level of consumer confidence helps explain why the months reflecting the highest real estate activity throughout the state were the late spring and summer months with May through August making up over 33 percent of the year's total sales.

Mississippi's average home sales price for 1997 was \$89,102. The North DeSoto area boasted the highest average home price last year at an impressive \$106,784, followed by the Jackson area at \$101,011 and Hattiesburg at \$98,403.

Wrapping up the year at 1,025 units sold December's home sales reflect a positive end to 1997. December showed an increase over November by 156 units and this time last year by

136 units.

"It is not surprising that December was a great month for home sales. Mortgage rates were lower than they've been in over a year and the state's economy is continuing to remain strong," says Joachim.

In December, the state's two largest markets, the Jackson area and the Gulf Coast, closed 311 and 229 homes respectively, both showing increases over the previous month. Sixty-seven percent of Mississippi's reporting real estate markets saw an increase in home sales with Laurel and the Gulf Coast showing the largest rise over the previous month. The average selling price statewide for December was \$91,364.

Statewide Statistics

Total homes sold: December 1997, 1,025; November 1997, 869; December 1996, 880; year-to-date, 14,377.

Average selling price: December 1997, \$91,364; November 1997, \$85,351; December 1996, \$82,985; year-to-date, \$89,102.

Local Statistics

These statistics reflect residential sales of houses, condominiums and townhomes by Realtors:

Gulf Coast, total homes sold: December 1997, 229; November 1997, 155; December 1996, 187; year-to-date, 2,536.

Gulf Coast, average selling price: December 1997, \$98,836; November 1997, \$96,779; December 1996, \$89,304; year-to-date, \$94,899.

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Hoda named Employee of the Year at Magic

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis and Casino Magic Biloxi recently announced their Employee of the Year award winners for 1997. Not only did each employee receive the high-ranking title of Employee of the Year, but each received a 1998 four-door special edition Saturn sedan automobile to cruise around in as well.

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Royal Spraglio Jr. of Biloxi is the 1997 Employee of the Year for Casino Magic Biloxi. Spraglio, who works in the Table Games Department, has been with Casino Magic for almost four years.

All nominees for both casinos were honored at a banquet at the Great Southern Club and received an engraved crystal

decanter presented by President Ed Ernst, Chairman of the Board Marlin F. Torguson, and general managers Joe Billhimer and Jeff Dahl.

Also announced at the banquet were Casino Magic's Volunteers of the Year. Second runner up and winner of \$200 for Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is Gerald Woodson of Security. First runner up and the winner of \$300 is Tammy Melver, also of the Security Department. Volunteer of the Year and the winner of \$500 for Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is Carlotta Arnsdorff of the Maintenance Department.

Second runner up and winner of \$200 for Casino Magic Biloxi is Marlene Hoops of Food and Beverage. First runner up and the winner of \$300 is Grace Lewis of Food and Beverage. Volunteer of the Year and the winner of \$500 for Casino Magic Biloxi is Rita Ray, also of the food and Beverage Department.



Employees of the Year

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis and Casino Magic Biloxi awarded their 1997 Employees of the Year a 1998 special edition Saturn sedan. Wayne Hoda, left, of Kiln, is Casino Magic Bay St. Louis' Employee of the Year. Hoda works in the Purchasing Department. Royal Spraglio Jr., right, of Biloxi, is Casino Magic Biloxi's Employee of the Year. Spraglio works in the casino's Table Games Department.

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Stash some cash for a rainy day

BY VIVIAN MARINO AP
BUSINESS WRITER

With the economy growing at a healthy pace, interest rates stable and unemployment at the lowest level in two decades, it's time to kick back and relax, right?

Not so fast, some financial advisers say.

Now may be the best time to start up or add to a household emergency fund should, well, fortunes change again in the future.

"It's there to cover a large repair bill, pay living expenses during a stretch of unemployment or temporary disability, or pay an unexpected medical bill," the Institute of Certified Financial Planners, a Denver-based trade association, noted in a recent publication.

Yet many people aren't adequately prepared to handle such crises. A survey last spring by the financial software maker Intuit found that a third of all Americans "spend" their paychecks before getting them, and 10 percent admitted to asking friends or relatives for loans when in a pinch.

Personal bankruptcy filings reached a record 1.26 million in the year ending June 30, and some economists believe that number could jump to 2 million by next year as credit card debt swells.

While most financial counselors strongly urge clients to establish a cash reserve to avoid serious problems, opinions vary on how much is needed and where it should be parked.

For years, the rule of thumb had been between three and six months' worth of take-home pay to cover basics like shelter, food and utilities, with some advisers recommending up to a year in savings. But more and more experts think that's unrealistic, especially

since most employed individuals have other assets to tap into.

"If someone makes \$160,000 a year, do they put \$80,000 away? I don't know of many people who have an \$80,000 emergency," said Hank Madden, who runs Madden and Associates Financial Consultants in Jacksonville, Fla.

"We have to define what a cash reserve is for and get rid of some archaic ideas," he said. "Most people have medical insurance, so if there's a serious illness in the family that's taken care of. They have homeowners' insurance to cover the house and auto insurance for the car."

"This is called risk management."

Madden believes a reserve should be broken into two categories. The first is for handling the deductibles on home, medical and automobile insurance policies, along with emergency travel. That varies from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for most families. The second is for recurring items like car and household repairs, gift giving and vacations, which usually ranges from \$1,000 to \$5,000 annually.

"You put in and take out dollars as the need arises," he said.

Jonathan Pond, a Boston-based financial adviser and author, thinks one month's net pay is sufficient for most healthy, gainfully employed individuals. However, those with fluctuating incomes due to seasonal work or commissions may need to maintain a larger fund, he says.

"One month's worth ... will

get the boiler replaced in the basement or fix the transmission on the car," Pond said. "Our parents used to tell us six months to a year, but we had to spend the next 20 years trying to accumulate that."

Pond notes that most people have multiple cash sources upon which to draw: We can access brokerage accounts; establish a home-equity line of credit; borrow against the cash value of a life-insurance policy; or borrow from Individual Retirement Accounts or 401(k) without penalty, provided the money is repaid within a certain period.

"It's better to put most of your money into higher-yielding accounts (like stocks and bonds). At least you'll give it the opportunity to grow," he said.

So where should the remaining cash be stashed? The Institute of Certified Financial Planners recommends several alternatives:

-Money market funds, uninsured and available through brokers and mutual funds, which currently yield around 5.15 percent.

-Money market accounts, federally insured and available through banks, yielding an average 2.65 percent, although higher yields can be found by shopping around,

Packing, shipping company opens

What do an original van Gogh, dinosaur eggs and a Harley Davidson have in common? They've all been shipped by Craters & Freighters, whose newest franchise has opened in Gulfport.

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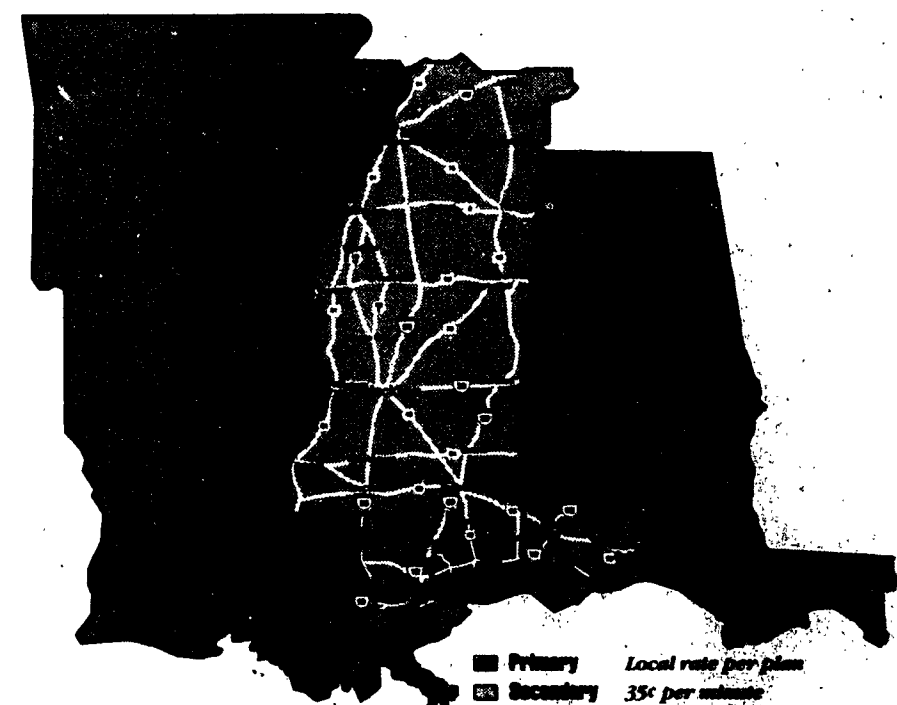
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Coast in top 21

The national motorcoach network has named the Mississippi Gulf Coast (Biloxi) as number 21 in a survey of top motorcoach destinations. The selection was based on a survey of national motorcoach members, comprised of some of the largest motorcoach companies in America.

The selection of the Mississippi Gulf Coast as number 21 is an indication that our destination is on the move," said Stephen Richer, Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau. "On a comparative basis, our surpassing Las Vegas and Reno Tahoe, who both made the list as number 22 and 33, respectively, shows that motorcoach customers truly enjoy the diversified products offered by our destination."

Small business workshop

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Shoreline

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spector Neil Smith at 151 Main Street, across from the Courthouse in downtown Bay St. Louis.

"He will issue you a permit so you can start building, after you pay a \$35 fee," said Gauthreaux. She cautioned anxious property owners: "This permit allows you to start building, but you can't occupy your dwelling until it is connected to the

sewerage system."

"I've already given out several letters," Gauthreaux said. The District was notified early in the new year that the U.S. Agriculture Department, through its Rural Development Administration, approved a \$558,600 low-interest loan and an outright grant of \$1,555,600 for the first phase of the Shoreline Park sewerage extension.

Plans call for the entire area to be sewered in three phases.

The initial funds will be used to link approximately 540 more homes in the area south of Interstate 10 and off Hwy. 603 to the present sewerage system.

The engineering firm of Duke Levy & Associates is designing the extension, and Levy said he hopes to finish that work by April, so the project can be let in

late May or early June.

"You'll definitely see some work beginning in that area before the end of the year," Levy said. Estimates are it might take as long as 18 months to complete the first phase of the project.

Levy also provided the Echo a map of the areas that will be sewered along with the names

of streets.

Portions of the following streets off 603 and between Avenue D and Avenue H will be sewered. These include parts of 1st Avenue through 27 Avenue off of Central Avenue.

Sewerage lines will also be installed on the following streets: Avenue E; Baffin; Bank; Barracuda; Bass; Bayou View Drive; Bayou View East; Blue Jay; Bonita; Borneo; Bream; Cardinal; Central Av-

enue; Ceylon; Cleaves; Crane Avenue; Devon; Dolphin; Drum; Flamingo; Gannet; Greenland; Gull; Haiti; Heron; Honshu; Iceland; Ireland; Java; Kingfisher; Kyushu; Luzan; Madagascar; Mallard; Manhattan; Mindanao; North Nassau; North Sumatra; Pelican; Perch; Pompano; Robin; Rose; Sailfish; Shark; South Nassau; South Sumatra; Sparrow; Swan; Tahiti; Teal; Trout; Victoria; and Whale Streets.

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take place in the flood zones and they also enforce regulations in place to control the development of subdivisions.

It is the present board that is given most of the credit for helping to write the county's first-ever Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and for conducting public hearings that got citizens input and support on the proposal. The historic zoning law was adopted unanimously by the present Board of Supervisors in January of 1997.

But, one year later, Commissioners are learning that sometimes it is impossible to justify their actions before the very supervisors who appointed them. One Commissioner anonymously asked the Echo, "How can we independently weigh the issues, if the supervisors can't take the heat over one of our decisions?"

A case in point was made last Thursday when supervisors called the entire board into a workshop session. The Commissioners were accompanied by their attorney, John Scafile, and by Neil Smith, the county's zoning enforcement officer and building inspector.

Board of Supervisors President Philip Moran told Com-

missioners, in no uncertain terms, that he wasn't pleased with a recent decision that gave a family a "conditional use" to place a double-wide trailer on one of four lots the family owned off Chapman Drive.

Despite a warning by Smith that the Planning Commission's decision might be overturned by supervisors or appealed to Circuit Court, the family went ahead and put the mobile home on the lot and connected utilities.

Supervisors, under pressure from residents of the nearby Garden Isles subdivision who supported zoning, have since remanded the case back to the Planning Commissioners on technical issues raised after the initial public hearing, and the trailer remains on the lot. The Garden Isles Community Association contends one of the reasons it supported the zoning ordinance is because a very restrictive "R-1" single-family residential classification was given to their subdivision and most areas surrounding the subdivision.

The classification prohibits any kind of trailer or mobile home in an "R-1" area, and Moran said that should have been

the end of it.

He was supported by District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour, who said, "We should protect the residents who supported zoning."

Scafile, the Commission's attorney, argued, "I feel like we did the right thing."

Commissioners voted 4-1 to grant the conditional use. Scafile told supervisors there are more issues than the zoning designation to consider when making a decision.

He was supported by Smith, who made an inspection of the area after Milton and Christine Perez filed the application to hold a public hearing on their request to place the mobile home on the Chapman site.

Scafile explained that before zoning was passed, there was a rush to place mobile homes on Chapman and intersecting streets north of Washington, and there was no law to stop the onslaught. And, Smith said because of what has developed on Chapman and on the intersecting streets, supervisors might want to consider rezoning that area "R-2" which would allow mobile homes.

The trailer on Chapman was only one of many issues that has put the new zoning ordinance in

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the spotlight. Oak Harbor residents have been just as vocal as the Garden Isles organization and are fighting a convenience store, a mini-storage warehouse and a car lot proposed on a strip of land zoned "Commercial" and fronting Hwy. 90 in Pearlington. Both neighborhood groups have threatened to appeal to Circuit Court in efforts to block the trailer and the proposed commercial development along Hwy. 90.

The proliferation of requests to install communication towers throughout Hancock County is another problem that needs to be addressed.

The county's zoning ordinance is new to supervisors and to planning commissioners, and both boards are still grappling over how the new legislation should be enforced or amended in the future. Throughout the workshop session, supervisors admitted that the planning commission is sometime put in a difficult position, and thanked them for their continuing service to the community.

But, supervisors must not forget that the zoning ordinance is not set in stone. It's a living, breathing thing that needs to be changed to reflect the tremendous growth that is now taking place throughout the county. What was reflected in zoning boundaries laid down in 1997 might not mirror what is happening now or the trend for what might happen in the future.

Beds

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years ago, with a focus on more outpatient procedures and shorter lengths-of-stay," said Leftwich. "Our Board of Directors and medical staff had the vision to design this facility with a long range plan for organized growth. The second floor was shelled in pending the approval we felt would be forthcoming based on our high occupancy."

The State of Mississippi licenses beds, and requires that a hospital average greater than 70% occupancy for a period of two years before the addition of beds will be considered.

"Hancock Medical Center is one of a handful of hospitals in the state that met the criteria

for an inpatient expansion," said Leftwich.

Of the 38 beds, four will be added to the intensive care unit, with the remaining 34 beds expanding the medical/surgical area.

The original 49,000-sq.-ft. project carried a price tag of \$6.2 million. With the additional beds, the cost for the entire expansion has risen to \$9.25 million, said Leftwich. Financing includes \$3.5 million in long term bonds, with the balance to be paid through operating revenues and monies raised through the Hancock Medical Center Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.

Expansion

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Capital Campaign for Bay Catholic Elementary School and Our Lady Academy, helped fund the Bay Catholic addition. The Capital Campaign was established to help raise money necessary to meet the needs for additional classrooms and enhanced programs at the schools.

A history of Bishop Fahey's service to the community will be recognized at Tuesday's ceremony.

"Many people from our community remember Bishop Fahey fondly, whether they were once taught by him or came into contact with him as Assistant Pastor at OLG," said Deborah Vernon, Director of Development at Bay Catholic Elementary and Our Lady Academy.

Bishop Fahey, great uncle to Edmond Fahey, Dr. Fahey House, Leo Fahey di Benedetto, and Mrs. Maria Wolfe, has a long history with Our Lady of the Gulf Church. He was baptized, made his first Confession, received First Holy Communion, was ordained a priest in 1926 and was consecrated a bishop in the church.

His consecration, on May 26, 1948, was the first such ceremony in Mississippi.

In response, Bishop Toolen of Mobile commented, "Glad we finally got an appointment of a southerner."

Recognition will also be given at Tuesday's ceremony to the Edmond Fahey family generosity and commitment to Catholic education.

"This is something that Edmond and I have wanted to do for a long time because of all the wonderful things Bishop Fahey did for the church and for this community, said Princess Fahey. "We are happy that we can have (Bishop Fahey) honored in this way."

"I know this would please Bishop Fahey so much, because he was so interested in youth," she added.

Tuesday's events mark the beginning of construction for the Bay Catholic addition and represents a lot of hard work from many people, according to Vernon.

"There were a lot of people involved to get us where we are today, including parent volunteers, people from the local community and businesses including Hancock Bank and Gulf Coast Industries, Inc.," Vernon said. "I want to encourage all those involved in the campaign and who have supported our efforts to come to the ceremony Tuesday and help us

celebrate the success we have achieved so far."

Other special guests will be architect Larry Jaubert of Guild, Jaubert & Hardy and general contractor Lloyd T. Moon, of Lloyd T. Moon, Inc.

The project is expected to be completed early this fall.

For more information regarding Tuesday's events or the Capital Campaign call 463-9129.

Death penalty gets priority

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Convicted child killer Howard M. Neal has a unique distinction on Mississippi's death row.

He is the only inmate now scheduled to die in Mississippi's gas chamber, state officials say.

There's about 60 other inmates on death row, but all were sentenced after the state changed the method of execution to lethal injection.

Questions have arisen in Mississippi—and other states—of the nature of death by gas. The state is embroiled in a years-old lawsuit on the issue.

The Legislature, at the urging of the attorney general's and governor's offices, may abandon the gas chamber in time for Neal, who raped and shot to death his 13-year-old niece in Monticello in 1981.

The gas chamber was last used in 1989 when Leo E. Edwards Jr. was put to death for murdering a convenience store clerk. There has not been an execution since, and there are a variety of proposals at the capitol to speed up executions.

The least controversial bill will likely be the switch to all lethal injections.

"It's probably a more humane way to do it," said Rep. Jim Simpson Jr., R-Gulfport.

Other proposals range from minor "tinkering" of the death penalty law to Simpson's plan to replace the law with that of Texas, which executed 37 people last year.

Simpson said the U.S. Supreme Court has already found Texas' law constitutional.

"Any word, any comma you change (in the state law), you're looking at years going to court to make sure it's constitutional," Simpson said.

Senate Judiciary Commit-

tee chairman Bennie Turner, D-West Point, said death penalty law is complex.

"You may make what you consider a minor change, but the result may be significant," Turner said. "In an effort to try to speed it up, we could cause more delays with litigation."

There's some widespread support for speeding up executions.

"We don't have capital punishment in Mississippi. Our people think we do, and they certainly want us to, as do all Americans, by huge percentages," Gov. Kirk Fordice said in his State of State address last week. "We need to correct that."

Lawmakers earlier asked Attorney General Mike Moore for proposals to speed up executions.

House Appropriations Committee chairman Charlie Capps, D-Cleveland, has endorsed one of the plans to have a small roving team of lawyers to handle death row cases.

His committee in the past has killed bills to set up a public defender system.

Turner said fewer errors made in trials would translate into fewer court reversals. In the past his committee has supported a pilot project to pay lawyers to take up the death penalty appeals of indigents.

"It seems to be dawning on the people who support the death penalty this is one of the best insurance policies there is," Turner said. "If the Legislature doesn't do something, the court is going to have to look at whether the state is providing an adequate defense to the indigent."

Jackson attorney Robert McDuff, who has handled death penalty cases, said a public defender system is needed.



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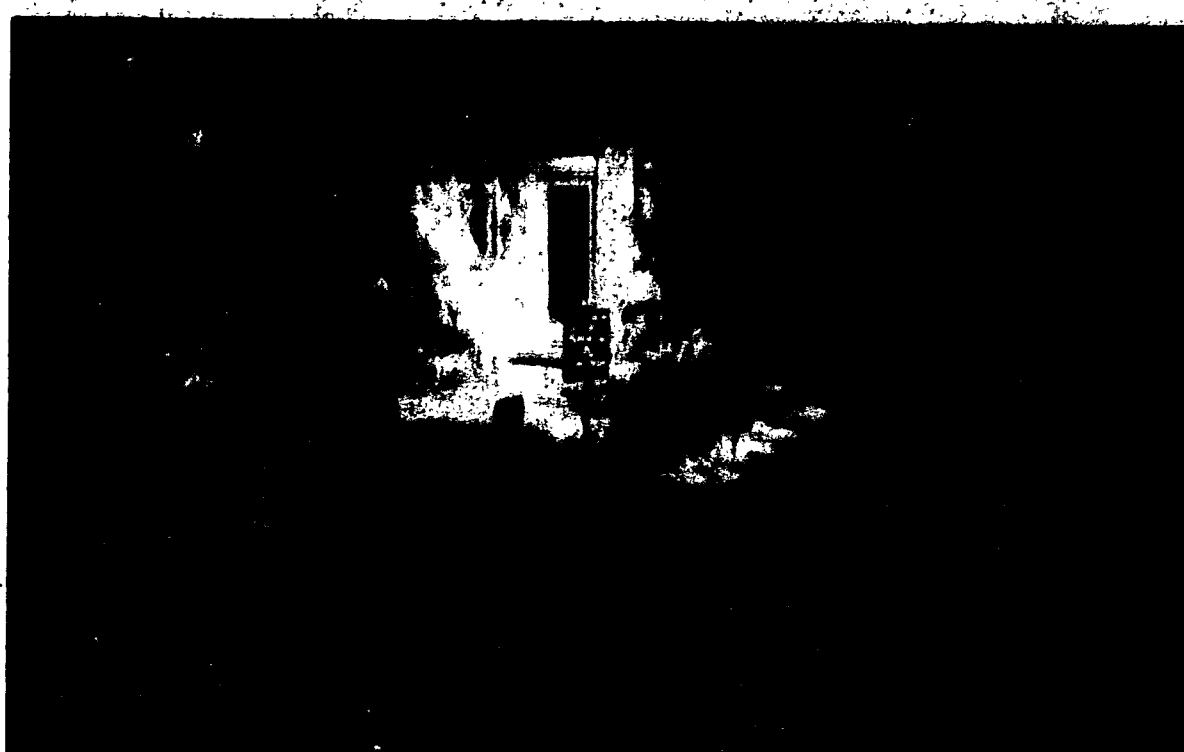
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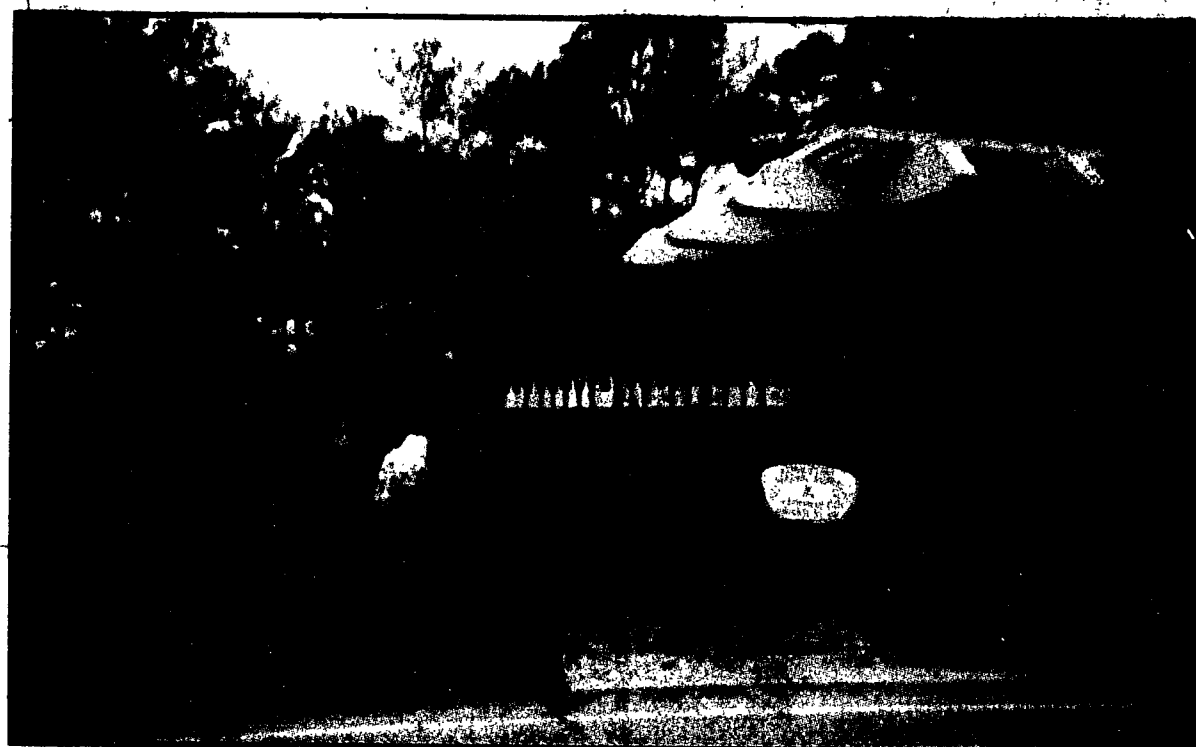
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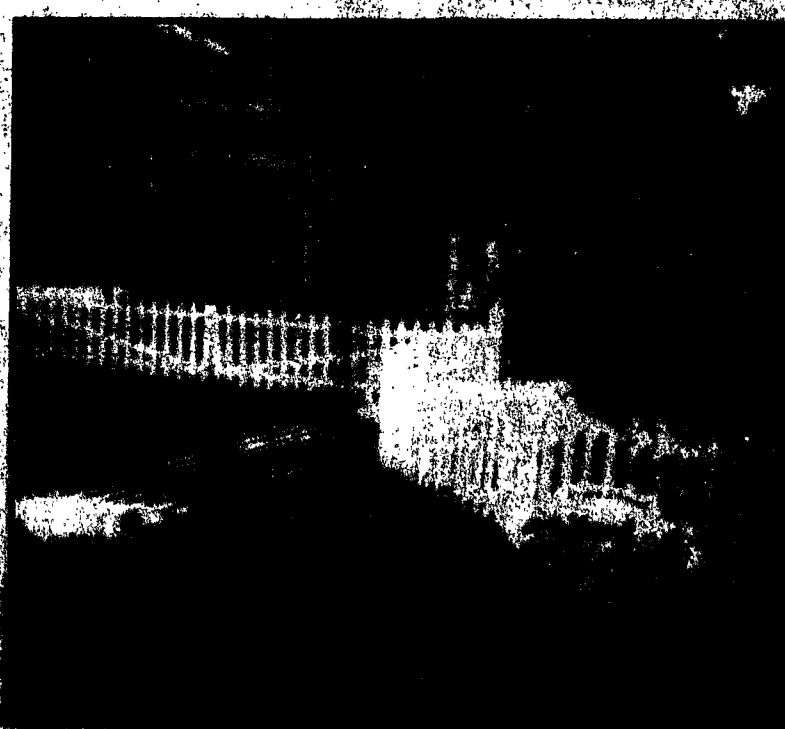


January Golf Course Garden of the Month
Brenda Little, 6528 Alakoko Drive, #14 Pine

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(Above) First place winner, Mrs. Brenda Little, 6528 Alakoko Drive, #14 Pine, for the Month of January. The garden was a beautiful display of the Yard of the Month award.



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BREAKFAST**

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Wednesday — Juice, Cereal and Toast or Grits, Hashbrowns.
Thursday — Juice, Cereal and Toast or Pancakes, Syrup.
Friday — Juice, Cereal and Toast or Cinnamon-Raisin Biscuit.

LUNCH

Monday — Spaghetti and Meat-sauce or BBQ Rib Po-boy with Trimmings, Garden Salad with Ranch Dressing, Buttered Corn, Devil's Food Delight, Hot Roll.
Tuesday — Taco Salad or Chicken Fillet with Trimmings, French Fries, Glazed Carrots, Pineapple Delight.
Wednesday — Chili with Beans or Cheeseburger with Trimmings, Cauliflower Fries, Chilled Fruit, Saltine Crackers.
Thursday — Chicken Gumbo or Grilled Cheese with Pickle, Steamed Rice, Potato Salad, Corn on the Cob, Orange Wedges, Saltine Crackers.
Friday — Pepperoni Pizza or Roast Beef on Bun with Trimmings, Salad with French Dressing, Buttered Peas, King Cake.

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Served daily:

**Chef Salad, Bread,
Dessert and Milk
Condiments:
Mustard/Mayo/Ketchup
Sweet and Sour Sauce/Salsa
BBQ Sauce, Hot Sauce or
Taco Sauce**

LUNCH
Monday — Chicken Nuggets or Cheeseburger with Trimmings or Burrito, Creamed Potatoes with Gravy, Seasoned Green Beans, Pineapple Pleasure or Fruit Juice, Honey Wheat Roll or Crackers.
Tuesday — Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or Turkey Sub Sandwich or Loaded Baked Potato, Tater Tots, Carrot Stick with Dip, Applesauce or Fruit Juice, Garlic Bread or Crackers, Jello with Topping.
Wednesday — Fried Chicken or BBQ Pork Burger or Chicken Fajitas, Whipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Sliced Peaches or Fruit Cup or Juice, Yeast Roll or Crackers, Cookies.
Thursday — Beef Tips over Rice or Pizza with Toppings or Vegetable Beef Soup with Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Whole Kernel Corn or Garden Salad with Dressing, Mixed Fruit or Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls or Crackers, Vanilla Pudding with Topping.
Friday — Taco Salad or Chicken Spaghetti or Fish on Bun, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Apple and Orange Wedges or Frozen Fruit Bar, Yeast Bread Sticks or Crackers.

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BREAKFAST

Monday — Pizza, Juice.
Tuesday — Flap Sticks, Juice.
Wednesday — Blueberry Muffins, Juice.
Thursday — Ham Biscuit, Applesauce.
Friday — Waffle Sticks, Mixed Fruit.

LUNCH

Monday — Chicken Nuggets or Cheeseburger with Trimmings, Creamed Potatoes with Gravy, Seasoned Green Beans, Pineapple Pleasure or Fruit Juice, Honey Wheat Roll or Crackers.
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Scout donation

Members of Diamondhead Cub Scout Pack 20, along with Cub Master Rick Swanson, are shown donating a \$212 check to Terry Latham, director of Hope Haven. The Cub Scouts gathered well over 500 pounds of aluminum cans throughout Hancock County in order to benefit Hope Haven, a center for abused and neglected children in Hancock County. The Scouts, who are sponsored by the Rotary Club of Diamondhead, will also earn credit for performing both a conservation act and a community service project.

**Southern Miss to present
classical guitar symposium**

The University of Southern Mississippi School of Music will present the Pine Belt Classical Guitar Symposium Feb. 20-21 at Marsh Hall.

The symposium features master classes, ensemble performance workshops and a solo guitar competition for beginning, intermediate and advanced levels.

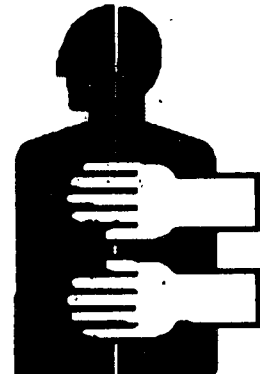
Internationally renowned classical guitarist Randy Pile of La Jolla, Calif., will open the symposium with a Feb. 20 solo recital at 8 p.m. The performance is open to the public. Admission is \$5 at the door.

The fee for the symposium is \$25. This includes admission to the Randy Pile recital and to the Feb. 21 concert at 4 p.m. Winners at each competition level will perform solos at the Saturday concert. Each winner will receive a \$50 award.

Deadline for solo competition registration is Feb. 13. For information or to register, contact Southern Miss Continuing Education at (601) 266-4186.

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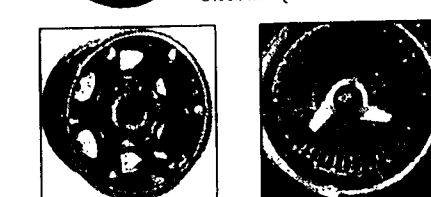
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PRCC lists scholars

Officials at Pearl River Community College announced president's and dean's lists for the 1997 fall semester.

President's list scholars must maintain a perfect 4.0 grade-point average while taking a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Dean's list scholars must maintain a 3.4 or higher grade-point average while taking a minimum of 12 semester hours.

The scholars are:

President's List

Bay St. Louis: Wade Allen

Ladner.

Waveland: Ellen Marie

Felder.

Dean's List

Bay St. Louis: Benjamin

Alan Brack, Kati Lynn De-

deaux, Jennifer Lynn Kingston,

Scafide named to dean's list

Kathryn Scafide of Bay St. Louis has been named to the fall semester dean's list at Spring Hill College in Mobile.

The dean's list is the highest honor roll at the college. To qualify for this honor, a student must have earned at least a 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale, attempted 12 semester hours and have no incompletes on his or her record.

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President's List: Patrick Dennis, Frederick Mallini, Zachary Mellen, Kunal Patel, Trey Schorr, Nathan Sison.

Alpha: Matt Barbier, Ben Benvenuti, Ryan Davis, Todd Farrar, Chris Griffith, E. J. LeBlanc, Kyle Mulford, Peter Murphy, Jason Steele, Austin Tucker, Hunter Vaughn.

Beta: Elliot Arroyo, Adair Beany, Paul Burnett, Patrick Coote, Jake Gary, Brett Hode, Matt Johnson, Jeremy Keller, Steven Kellum, Robbie Martin, Carlos Narro, Denny Roth, Paul Thibodeaux, Juan Valdes.

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President's List: Joe Mortimer, Louis West.

Alpha: Josh Pittman.

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nise Bennett, Corey Christo-

pher Garner, Sharon L. Paige

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Diamondhead Garden Club

The Diamondhead Garden Club welcomes three new members, Susan Goode, Susan Holcomb and Shirley Strickland. Anyone may join the Diamondhead Garden Club by attending three meetings. Dues are \$20 a year.

Garden-of-the-Month awards go to:

Garden of the Month: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McNeil, 8854 Kipapa Way

Commercial Award: Diamondhead Florist

Golf Course Garden: Brenda Little, 6528 Alakoko Drive, No 14 Pine

New books have been added to the garden club's library. Topics cover perennials, low-maintenance landscaping, and native Southern plants. The books will be stored in the garden club office in the Community Center. The office will be open during the monthly meeting (third Wednesday of each month). Books and videos may be checked out by appointment with Marion Kollasch and Deborah DeLong.

The site for a memorial garden honoring past garden club president Catherine McFaul has been finalized. Paula Gudaitis, daughter of Louise Claunch, garden club second vice-president, designed the garden. A dedication is planned for May 20, following the scheduled garden club meeting.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS WAVELAND 233

TOPS MS 233 Waveland met Tuesday, Jan. 27 at the Waveland Public Library. Priscilla was the week's best loser with 4 pounds. Sarah was the week's best youth loser with 2½ pounds, and Bev was the week's best KOPS loser.

The club welcomed five new members, Jean, Inge, Delania, Priscilla and Janice. There were 24 members present. There was a net loss of 717 pounds.

Charms were presented to Sarah and Elaine for losing 10 pounds. Judy presented a program on foods one should not eat Tuesday there will be an auction to raise money for SRD. A new contest will begin next week. Members are asked to remember their food charts.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

Point Island Garden Club

Point Island Garden Club had its first Christmas party Dec. 7 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sager.

The Point Island holiday lights were judged Dec. 12. First place went to Mr. and Mrs. Bennie French III, 202 Louisiana Street; second, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bebler, 206 Stennis; and third, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Rogers Jr., 100 Havana Blvd., all of Pass Christian.

Hancock County Republican Women

The monthly meeting of the Hancock County Republican Women's Club will be Thursday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. at the Diamondhead Community Center. Following the business session, guest speaker will be Robert Ingram of the Gaming Commission.

At the meeting Jan. 8, six new members were welcomed. The membership drive is being continued by asking that each member invite a friend or neighbor to a meeting to be come an active member.

On Jan. 23, several club members attended the retirement celebration at Hancock Medical Center of Dr. Andrew Martinolich. Though retiring from his years of medical dedication to the Coast area, Dr. Martinolich is not retiring from his position as a Republican Party leader in the area and in the state.

Jan. 27, 11 club members, some accompanied by their husbands, traveled to Jackson for the annual Republican Women's Legislative Day.

Beginning at 9 a.m. with a greeting from the Governor in the Rotunda of the State Capitol, a guided tour of Capitol, offices and galleries of the House and Senate, followed by a luncheon with Gov. and Mrs. Fordice as guests of honor. Included also was a tea at 3 p.m. with the First Lady as hostess.

Jan. 27, Marcella Verdon and Amanda Pullen, president and second vice president, respectively, of the Hancock County Teen Age Republican (TARS) Club attended a reception hosted by Gov. Fordice at the Edison Hotel in Jackson to meet the 1998 members of the Republican Legislature.

In addition to this event, a statewide TARS "convention" is being planned in Jackson in July.

The Southern Republican Leadership Conference is being held Feb. 26-March 1 in Biloxi. All club members are asked to immediately send their volunteer hours form to Cindy Phillips, as 400 volunteers are needed to assist in this event.

American Legion
Unit 77 Auxiliary

The monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 77 will be Wednesday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the American Legion Hall on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Plans will be finalized for the visit of National Commander Anthony Jordan and also for the carnival ball, which will be held this year Feb. 21, when the court and members will be dancing to the music of "Jam."

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Beat winter blues
while watching weight

The midwinter blues can hit anyone at this time of year. But you may be especially vulnerable if you're watching your weight. "Sensible weight loss takes energy and initiative," said Carolyn Kinabrew, a representative of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly).

"Like any other lifestyle change, it puts demands on you. Yet at this time of year, some people hit a slump that makes it harder to summon the energy they need," she said.

You don't have to let winter doldrums derail your plans for sensible weight loss or maintenance. Kinabrew offered these tips:

Keep moving.

With daylight hours so scarce, our natural tendency is to burrow down and hibernate. Yet our bodies need just the opposite — movement, exercise, vitality, oxygen. Now more than ever, it's important to schedule daily activity, like a lunchtime walk or an after-work exercise class.

Short-circuit "boredom nibbling."

If you're stuck inside with little to do, you may find yourself snacking even when you're not really hungry. Make sure you have plenty of diversions on hand: a pile of great books from the library, for instance, or a new game to play with your kids.

Get your daily dose of light.

Light can be a natural pepper-upper. So when skies remain dark for days on end, seek out other bright spots. Indoor pools, malls and gyms usually are brightly lit. And as a bonus, they're great sports for mood-lifting activities: walking, water aerobics, or a pickup game of basketball.

Finally, remember that "winter doesn't last forever — although right now it seems like it does," Kinabrew said. "Keep your perspective: Stick to sensible eating and exercise habits. Come spring, when you shed those winter clothes and slip into skimpier outfits, you'll be glad you did."

Take Off
Pounds Sensibly

TOPS WAVELAND 307

TOPS MS Chapter 307 Waveland met Wednesday, Jan. 28 at the Waveland Public Library. Lynn was the week's best loser with 5½ pounds. Paula won the Incentive Award. There were 14 members present. Ann was appointed co-leader. ARD will be held Feb 12 in Ocean Springs.

Club members congratulate and thank Rhonda for giving motivation and encouragement. Her weight loss so far is over 200 pounds.

The chapter promotes enthusiasm and understanding and encourages sensible eating habits. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 4:45-5:30 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and/or maintaining weight loss is welcome to visit the chapter.

Call Ruth at 466-9880 for information.

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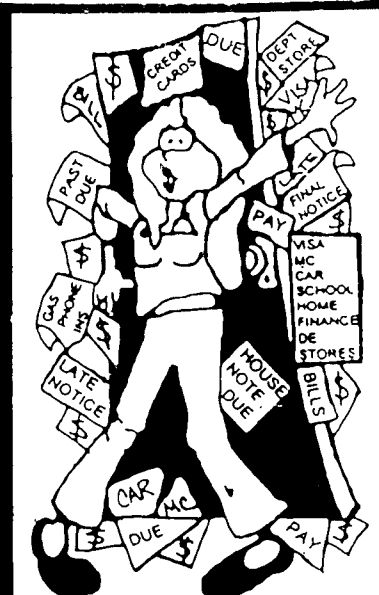
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

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The Hancock County Library System sponsors an Adult Literary Education Program at the Waveland Library Literacy Center, 333 Coleman Avenue, Waveland.

Classes provided include GED, basic skills, reading one-on-one, reading classes and more.

Day classes are Monday through Thursday. Evening classes are Mondays and Thursdays.

To register or for information, call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

Alzheimer Support Group

The Bay St. Louis Alzheimer Support Group will meet at the Senior Citizens Center on the first Tuesday of the month at 2 p.m.

The group is affiliated with the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association with over 200 chapters nationwide.

For details, call Dot at 255-7599.

ACOA and Al-Anon

ACOA and Al-Anon meet at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead Thursday evenings at 8. For information call 255-9213.

Al-Anon/BSL

Al-Anon, Bay St. Louis chapter, meets Monday, and Friday at 8 p.m. at 300 Third Street, Bay St. Louis.

Al-Anon is designed for families and friends who are affected by someone else's drinking. For information, call 466-5780.

American Cancer Society

Assistance to victims of cancer is available through Hancock and Harrison county chapters of the American Cancer Society.

Necessary items for patients, such as dressings, ostomy and sick-room supplies are available to those in need. Equipment which may be loaned to patients includes wheelchairs and hospital beds.

Assistance is available for transportation to qualifying hospitals. Several rehabilitation programs are offered, including "Reach To

Recovery", in which volunteers who have had mastectomies visit new breast cancer patients (with approval of physician) to assist in emotional, physical and psychological rehabilitation.

Battered Women

Free counseling is offered for Hancock County women suffering from emotional or physical abuse. Gwen Beck, outreach coordinator with Gulf Coast Women's Center, is available each Wednesday, 10 a.m.-noon at the Hancock County Youth Court building on Court Street.

All cases are confidential. Call 435-1968 collect for appointment.

The Gulf Coast Women's Center, a United Way agency, also offers an advocacy program for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. A 24-hour crisis line is available by calling 1-800-800-1396.

Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW Group

Bay-Waveland Overeaters HOW group meets every Tuesday, 7-8 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center's meeting room.

The HOW group is a discipline plan of eating using the 12 steps and 12 traditions for support.

There are no dues or fees. The group is self supporting through their own contributions.

For information, contact Ann at 467-6254.

Blood Pressure

Retired Senior Volunteer Program sponsors free blood pressure testing on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 9-11 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77, on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Hancock Medical Center Women's Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) conducts free blood pressure testing at the hospital, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays.

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Family Child Center

The Family Child Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse is looking for volunteers.

For information on how you can help prevent child abuse, call 868-8686 or 865-0982.

GED classes

GED classes are being offered at Hancock High School Monday and Tuesday, 8:30-11 a.m., and Monday and Wednesday, 6-9 p.m. For information, call Barbara White at 467-2251.

Hancock County Humane Society

The Hancock County Humane Society operates a flea market in Bay St. Louis at the intersection of Hwy. 90 and Drinkwater. Proceeds help needy animal owners with spay-neuter assistance, emergency pet food and and emergency medical help.

The society is in constant need of good, but unwanted, articles of every description to sell at the flea market. Gifts are tax-deductible.

Hours are: Closed Monday, open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Humane Society meetings are held quarterly on the third Sundays at 3 p.m. at Jolly Rogers Printing, Hwy. 90.

All are welcome. For information, call 467-7686 Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hancock Co. NAACP

The Hancock County Branch NAACP meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church (fellowship hall), Sycamore Street, Bay St. Louis.

Genevieve Gordon, president, 467-6040.

Homework Assistance Program

A Homework Assistance Program is being offered to Hancock County students through the Save Our Children Center at 405 Necaise Street in Bay St. Louis, 3:30-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

For registration information, call the center at 466-0401.

Hope Haven

Hope Haven meetings are every third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at 126 Court Street, Youth Court Building, in Bay St. Louis.

Money Management

The Consumer Money Management Center serves the public by providing free financial consultations as well as informational literature and seminars for employers, educational institutions and civic and professional groups.

Information and assistance from the center relates to various aspects of personal money management including budgeting, credit repayment, insurance, and investments.

The service is sponsored by Mississippi State University and Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service. To set up an appointment call Hancock County Extension Office, 467-5456.

Parenting Classes

Free parenting classes will be offered in Hancock County at RSVP (Old City Hall, Bay St. Louis) for nine weeks, covering self-esteem, communications skills, nutrition, household management, discipline, child development and more.

Call Kat Fitzpatrick at Family Child Center for details or reservations, 868-8686.

Parkinson Support Group

The public is invited to all meetings of the Parkinson Support Group, which are held the second Sunday at 2 p.m. at Garden Park Community Hospital in Gulfport. For information, call 863-2929 or 467-0307.

Save Our Children

The Hancock County Task Force of Save Our Children will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. every first Monday of the month at the center, 405 Necaise Street, Bay St. Louis.

For details, call Geraldine Lang at 467-9865.

Seizure Disorder Support Group

Those who suffer from a seizure disorder, and need the support of people who know what that means, may join the Kim Berglund Seizure Disorder Support Group. No pressure, no judgment.

The group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Classroom Trailer 1 at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport. Call 865-3421 for details.

St. Vincent Thrift Store

St. Clare Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul operates a thrift store, City Hall Annex, Coleman Avenue. It is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 until 3, and Saturday, 10 a.m. until noon.

All proceeds benefit the needy regardless of race or religion. An information and referral service is available from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday. For additional information, call 467-0703.

Senior Citizens Center

Located on the corner of Bookter and St. Frances streets, the center serves Hancock County citizens 60 plus years of age.

Under the Hancock County Human Resource Agency, the center provides classes in art, ceramics, framing, counted cross stitch, crochet, plastic canvas, shirt decorating, quilting and sewing.

There is also information and referral, counseling, entertainment and recreational field trips and health care services. Transportation is provided through a contract with Coast Transit Authority to the center or to the local doctor, grocery store, bill paying, etc.

The center has a contract to provide frozen home delivered meals to 50 homebound seniors each week and serves 20 hot meals at the center four days a week under a statewide food contract with Valley Foods. In addition, a potluck lunch is served on Friday prepared by the staff. A morning snack is provided with donations from local clubs, churches and individuals.

AAA contracts with Lifeline for one full-time homemaker for about

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For information, call the center at 467-9292 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hancock County Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting Schedule

Group Name	Meeting Type
Monday	
12:10 p.m. Camel	OD
12:00 p.m. D'head	CD
5:30 p.m. Camel	CD
8:00 p.m. Camel	CD
Tuesday	
12:10 p.m. Camel	OD
5:30 p.m. Camel	CD
7:30 p.m. Chip-In	CD
8:00 p.m. Camel	CD
8:00 p.m. Kiln	OD
Wednesday	
12:10 p.m. Camel	OD
5:30 p.m. Camel	CD
8:00 p.m. Mustard Seed	OD
8:00 p.m. Camel	CD
8:00 p.m. Coleman (Gay)	CD
Thursday	
12:10 p.m. Camel	OD
5:30 p.m. Camel	CD
8:00 p.m. Camel	CS
Friday	
12:00 p.m. D'head	CD
12:10 p.m. Camel	OD
5:30 p.m. Camel	CD
8:00 p.m. Camel	CD
8:00 p.m. Kiln	OD
Saturday	
12:10 p.m. Camel Group	OD
8:00 p.m. Camel Group	OD
8:00 p.m. Kiln Group	OD
Sunday	
11:00 a.m. Camel	OD
8:00 p.m. Mustard Seed	OD
7:00 p.m. Camel	CS

Groups and their meeting locations include Mustard Seed Group, Christ Episcopal Church's Virginia Hall, South Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis; Camel Group, The Rebois Club, 300 Third St., Bay St. Louis; Kiln Group, Community Center, Hwy. 43, Kiln.

The Diamondhead Group, Diamondhead Community Center, Coleman Avenue Group (Gay), 307-J Coleman Ave. (upstairs), Waveland; Kiln Group, St. Matthews Church, Hwy. 603; Chip-In Group, St. Stephen's Catholic Church Hall, DeLisle.

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1998 Mardi Gras parade schedule

Mardi Gras Season. Festivities, parades and carnival balls are celebrated on the Gulf Coast during February. The final parades are held Fat Tuesday, Feb. 24, making way for the Lenten Season.

Feb. 1: Diamondhead Krewe of Selene Parade

All-women krewe is holding its second annual parade, and will roll through Diamondhead beginning at 5 p.m. Beads, cups, doubloons and moon pies will be thrown. It is the first year for the organization to have a royal court. Terri Downie is the captain.

Feb. 7: Ocean Springs Elks 2501 Mardi Gras Parade

One of the first Mardi Gras parades of the season. Come join the fun and celebration in downtown historic Ocean Springs. Parade begins at 1 p.m. with colorful floats, beads, bangles and coins. You'll have a great time. For details: (228) 872-2501 or 875-4427.

Feb. 7: Orange Grove Carnival Association Parade

Beginning at 2 p.m., this parade starts at Community Park on Community Road, Gulfport. For details: (228) 832-0079.

Feb. 14: Gautier Men's Club Mardi Gras Parade

Parade begins at 7 p.m. at Mississippi Gulf Coast community College, Jackson County campus, Hwy. 90 and circles Singing River Mall, Gautier. For details: (228) 497-2215.

Feb. 14: Krewe of Kids

Parade starts at 11 a.m. at Cedar Point, Waveland. For details: (228) 467-0506.

Feb. 15: Krewe of Nereids Mardi Gras Parade

This all female organization stages one of the Coast's largest parades, attracting some 20,000 spectators each year. The Krewe of Eros and several other groups also participate in the parade which begins at 1 p.m. at Choctaw Plaza on Hwy. 90, Waveland. The parade travels down the east bound lanes to Bushlog Street where it reverses its course and heads west on Highway 90 to Waveland Avenue where it disbands. This is a family oriented event, featuring plenty of quality throws. Excellent viewing is available all along the route. For details: (228) 467-4134.

Feb. 15: Long Beach Carnival Association Parade

The Long Beach Mardi Gras parade rolls through Long Beach at 2 p.m. It begins at Lumpkin Stadium on Cleveland. For details: (228) 863-6876.

Feb. 21: Jackson County Carnival Association Mardi Gras Parade

Break out those gaudy, glittering costumes and join in the fun of this Mardi Gras celebration, which will begin at 1 p.m. at the War Memorial stadium on Tucker Street and follow Market Street, Jackson Avenue and Pascagoula Street in downtown Pascagoula. For details: (228) 497-3269 or 762-3391.

Feb. 21: Krewe of Diamondhead Parade

The parade begins at noon at the walking track on Golf Club Drive. It will proceed down the country road past the commercial area and will end at the Diamondhead Yacht Club, where the traditional "after parade" party will be held.

Feb. 21: Krewe of Gemini (day parade)

Considered among the best parades on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, this celebration is family oriented with plenty of floats, quality throws and bands galore. Don't miss it. Parade begins at 2 p.m. on 19th Street and 26th Avenue, Gulfport. For details: (228) 832-8935.

Feb. 21: Picayune Mardi Gras Parade

The parade starts at 2 p.m. For information, call 798-3078.

Feb. 22: North Bay Mardi Gras Parade

The only Mardi Gras parade in the eastern section of Harrison County with 65 to 75 floats, marching groups, bands, in a 2 1/4-mile parade to celebrate Mardi Gras. Cups, doubloons, stuffed animals and beads are thrown. A family parade. Parade begins 2:30 p.m. at the St. Martin Library on Lemoyne Blvd. and will wind its way through the d'Iberville township. Sponsored by North Bay Mardi Gras Association. For details: (228) 896-6699.

Feb. 22: St. Paul's Carnival Association Mardi Gras Parade

Parade begins at 2 p.m. at Davis and Handy Street, Pass Christian and travels down Scenic Drive to Highway 90. It then turns up Henderson Avenue to Second Street and winds its way to St Paul Avenue where it disbands. The Pass parade is one of the Coast's biggest and most popular. Many families stake out the same spot year after year and host annual get-togethers, complete with barbeque grills, music and everything else needed for a day in the sun. And the sun always seems to shine on the Pass. In its entire history, it has never rained on this parade. It has rained before the parade and it has rained after the parade, but never on the parade. Take plenty of sun block. For details: (228) 452-7359.

Feb. 23: Gulf Coast Carnival Coronation Mardi Gras Ball

See King d'Iberville and Queen Ixolil crowned to reign over Mardi Gras for 1998. Maids, dukes and past royalty are also presented. View tickets available from the Carnival office. Held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum, Biloxi. For details: (228) 432-8806.

Picayune's Krewe of Roses Parade

The Krewe of Roses Mardi Gras parade starts at 6 p.m. For information, call 798-6662 or 798-9834.

Feb. 24: Krewe of Real People Parade

This Bay St. Louis parade starts at 1 p.m. on Bookter Street and will travel Nacaise, Main Street, Court Street, Second Street, Railroad Ave., Old Spanish Trail and back to Nacaise.

Feb. 24: Gulf Coast Carnival Association (day parade)

Biloxi 11 a.m. at Main Street, roll south to US-90, north on Lameuse, west on the Washington Loop, south on Reynoir, west on US-90, north on Porter, east on Howard and end at Caillavet. For details: (228) 432-8806.

Feb. 24: Krewe of Neptune Parade

Biloxi beginning at 3 p.m. at Main Street, roll south to US-90, north on Lameuse, west on the Washington Loop, south on Reynoir, west on US-90, north on Porter, east on Howard and end at Caillavet. For details: (228) 385-6520.

Feb. 24: Krewe of Gemini Night Parade

Considered among the best parades on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, this celebration is family oriented with plenty of floats, quality throws and bands galore. Don't miss it. Parade begins at 6 p.m. at 30th Avenue and 30th Street, Gulfport. For details: (228) 868-3104.

Feb. 24: Gulf Coast Carnival Association Night Parade

Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. in Biloxi at Main Street, roll south to US-90, north on Lameuse, west on the Washington Loop, south on Reynoir, west on US-90, north on Porter, east on Howard and end at Caillavet. The captain of the carnival, King d'Iberville, Queen Ixolil, dukes and maids all ride floats. For details: (228) 432-8806.



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BIRTHS

JOHN G. COOK III

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Cook Jr. of Pass Christian announce the birth of their third child, John G. III, January 14, 1998 at 12:48 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

Mrs. Cook is the former Miss Brooks.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia Carter and David Brooks of Chicago, Ill.

Paternal grandparents are John and Jewel Cook Sr. of Pass Christian.

John III is welcomed by brothers DeAndre, 7, and Dimitri, 2.

NOAH ALEXANDER SCHNEIDER

Mrs. Bordes and Eli S. Schneider of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Noah Alexander, January 19, 1998 at 10:06 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Brad and Cindy Bordes of Fort Collins, Colo.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Sandy Schneider of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Bordes of Kiln and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Nelson of Slidell.

CHRISTOPHER BRYAN BARNHILL

Jim Barnhill and Trisha Otto of Gulfports announce the birth of their third child, Christopher Bryan, January 18, 1998 at 8:50 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. Benny Fust and Mrs. Judy W. Fust of Slidell.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. Randall and Mrs. Sheila Barnhill of Slidell.

Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Carmel and Joe Cull Jr. of Covington.

Christopher is welcomed by Amber Otto, Jessica and Nicholas Barnhill.

MARIA MORGAN CHAVEZ

Cheryl Norris and Carlos Chavez of Kiln announce the birth of their first child, Maria Morgan, January 18, 1998 at 6:18 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Linda Norris of Kiln.

Paternal grandmother is Susan McGill of Kiln.

CHRISTIAN TYLER OSEGUERA

David A. Oseguera and Kellie L. Aiken of Waveland announce the birth of their first child, Christian Tyler, January 17, 1998 at 9:31 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

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Christian Tyler is welcomed by his sister Lauren.

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Juan C. Riley and Theresa Fiorella of Pearlinton announce the birth of their first child, Abbey Michelle, January 16, 1998 at 6:32 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Evelyn R. Fiorella of Pearlinton and Andrew J. Fiorella Sr. of New Orleans.

Paternal grandparents are Alba M. Riley of Pearlinton and the late Donald R. Riley.

Great-grandparents include Margie E. Nilsen of Waveland, the late Edwin A. Remy and the late Teresa M. Valencia.

CONNOR DANIEL MORRIS

Danielle Perkins and David Morris of Hancock County announce the birth of their first child, Connor Daniel, January 15, 1998 at 1:25 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 7 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Diane Perkins of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are James and Janet Wainwright of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Robert and Viola Perkins of Waveland, Theo Morris of Chalmette, La. and Margaret Wainwright of Waveland; great-great-grandparents are Vernell Bourgeois and Marvina Perkins, both of Waveland.

KRISTINA SKY SUMMERALL

Shauna White and Lloyd Summerall of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Kristina Sky, January 15, 1998 at 1:25 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 8 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are the late Genevieve White and Edgar White.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Summerall of Saucier.

Great-grandparents include Lillian Page and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Summerall.

Kristina Summerall is welcomed by her sister Tessa White.

SHAMARIAH EMILY CHRISTENSEN GEISEL

Melissa Geisel and James Pingel of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Shamariah Emily, January 21, 1998 at 12:36 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Pamela and Woody Geisel of Bay St. Louis.

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If we continually portray love in this way, we will attempt to fulfill the fantasies. Ultimately, we will be very disappointed. Why? Love is not primarily a feeling. Love is not primarily an emotional high. Oh yes, the feelings can run high, and deep, and wide, and they ought to. But those feelings spring from a previous commitment.

And that commitment has a certain character. Look at how the Bible describes it: "Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous;

Love is in the air

love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Corinthians 13:4-7). This love is no chocolate coated Valentine Kiss.

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WEDDINGS

Nolan-Ritten

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Eduard Ritten of Diamondhead, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sarah Holcomb Ritten, to Patrick Glenn Nolan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Joseph Nolan of Diamondhead.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Regina Dominican High School and the University of Miami. She is employed with Coldwell Banker, Atlanta, Ga.

The prospective groom attended St. Stanislaus High School and the University of Mississippi. He is employed with Barron Chase, Atlanta.

The marriage will take place April 25, 1998 at 7 p.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

George-Mumme



Mr. and Mrs. Richard George

Jo-Ann Cason Mumme of Waveland and Richard M. George of Bay St. Louis were united in marriage December 27, 1997 in an afternoon ceremony at First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis with Dr. Ed Deuschle officiating. Soloist was Lester Gray, pianist, Gail Carr.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cason of Arabi, La.

The groom's parents are the late Mr. and Mrs. R. H. George. The bride wore a tiered raw silk Battenburg lace ankle-length dress in champagne color.

Ushers were Rick McDonnell, Jacob LaSavage and Nick D'Allen.

A reception followed the ceremony in First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

The honeymoon will be a seven-week working trip to Santa Eulalia, a Baptist Children's camp in Peru.

The couple will reside in Waveland.

MILITARY MENTIONS

SGT MUNGER

Marine Sgt. Michael O. Munger of Diamondhead recently received a Certificate of Commendation while assigned with 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion, 4th Marine Division, Gulfport.

Munger was recognized for his superior performance of duty. Displaying remarkable dedication and initiative, Munger consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner.

PFC FINSTER

Marine Pfc. Deljon C. Finister, a 1995 graduate of St. Stanislaus, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group.

in March 1996.

PFC LUCKY

Marine Pfc. Destin L. Lucky, son of Kent and Pauline A. Ruhr of Bay St. Louis, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is a 1997 graduate of Hancock High School.

PO3 COOMER

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Lawrence G. Coomer, son of Verl J. and Sheilah E. Coomer of Waveland, is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Guam Amphibious Ready Group.

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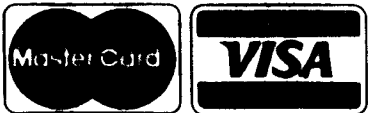
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73 Help Wanted

MEDICAL CLINIC IN BAY ST. LOUIS. CLIA Certified Physician's Office Lab MLT needed. Flexible hours. Experience required. Send Resume/CV and Compensation History to Box 2009, % The Sea Coast Echo, P.O. Box 2009, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521-2009.

81 Appliances

NOW OPEN. APPLIANCE PARTS PLACE. Sales on new & used parts & appliances. Located on Hwy 603, Div. of Dollar Rental. 467-9545.

REBUILT WASHERS AND DRYERS: Fully guaranteed. We have parts and do repair. We also buy used appliances. Bay Washers. 467-6122.

REFRIGERATORS, DISHWASHERS, air conditioners. Clean used appliances, 30 day guarantee. 467-9727

FOR SALE: REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS, washers/dryers, OR rent to own, Dollar Rental. 467-9545.

REPAIRS ON ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES. Also, parts and rebuilt appliances for sale. Full warranty on all repairs and sales. 467-7378, Beeper 880-3250.

83 Items For Sale

2 TUXEDO'S, 37 WAIST, 29 length \$25 each. St. Patrick & Mardi Gras throws; Playboy magazines, \$1 each. Call 467-6188.

4 TIRES & WHEELS, SIZE P205/75R14; 2 of them excellent tires, wheels fit GM cars. 467-0378/leave message.

ANTIQUE FURNITURE: MIRRORRED dresser, tripple mirrored vanity w/bench, table, chair, cast iron bathtub. Pecans \$1.00 lb. 467-9427.

BIG SCREEN TV FOR SALE: Take on small payments. Good credit required. 1-800-398-3970.

BOB'S LIVE CRABS: open after 12 noon. Pleasure St., Lakeshore. 467-6614.

CAPTAIN TIMMY'S OYSTERS Sacks, gallons & quarts. Call 467-1727.

DISH NETWORK 18" SATELLITE SYSTEM only \$179.00 if professionally installed! \$50.00 off professional installation. 54 channels just \$19.99 per month. Financing available! For details call American Rural Cable, Gulfport, 1-800-832-3316.

FEDERS 110 window air conditioner, like new, used 1 summer, \$200. 467-8066, after 6p.m.

FULL SIZE TRUCK CAMPER SHELL, blue and white. Good condition! \$200 obo. 463-0269.

HOTEL AIR & HEAT UNITS, 1400 BTU, \$150. 467-9727

MUST SELL!! 3 UNDELIVERED ARCH Steel Buildings 20x24, 25x30, 30x58. Financing available. Must sell immediately. Great for backyard shops and garages. Call today 1 (800)-341-7007.

OFFICE TABLES, CHAIRS, DESKS, computer tables, Credenza drafting table, file cabinets. 467-9727

SHARP 7300 COPIER, GOOD condition, \$600. 228-467-7198.

84 Furniture

FURNITURE: OFFICE, HOME & antiques, some odds & ends. 467-1770 between 9-5p.m., 463-9010 after 5p.m.

HOTEL DRESSERS, MIRRORS, nightstands, lamps, spreads, coffee tables, end tables, T.V.s. 467-9727

MATTRESS SETS: TWIN, FULL, queen & king. Starting at \$50. 467-9727

WOOD CHINA CABINET WITH GLASS doors & shelves, 80x46x18. \$800 obo. 1-504-254-5710.

85 Building Materials

CERAMIC TILE: InterCeramic, Summitville, DAL, KPT, Lufkin. 500,000 sq. ft. in stock. Attention: Builders. Floormen, special prices, 88¢ sq. ft. to \$1.80 sq. ft. 1-800-233-6702. FLOOR STORE, Slickell, 1725 Gause Blvd. off I-10, next to Smith & Jones, Buildmart.

METAL ROOFING/SIDING - 6 colors galv. to 24ft. length. 36" wide-28 ga. galv., 88¢ ft. Colors, \$1.19 ft. V-crimp & conug. 84¢ ft. Ridge cap, rake & corner, purlins \$1.00 ft. Roofing/Siding from \$14.90 sq. Warehouse Sales, Slickell, LA Exit 263 I-10. 880-642-6646.

90 Pets

FEMALE APPLE HEAD CHIHUAHUA, 4 LBS., 4 months old. Shots, no papers. 255-0207 or 255-9416.

FREE. 1 YEAR OLD MALE CHOCOLATE LAB. Needs fenced yard. 466-0621.

PUPPIES FREE TO GOOD HOME: Will be medium size dogs, generic breed. Call 255-1552.

REGISTERED WHITE SHEPHERDS: 3 females 7 weeks old, \$200. Mother & father on premises. 255-0114.

91 Livestock

FOR SALE: TWO 1/2 breed Boarweathers & TWO 1/2 Boar Billies. Please call after 6p.m. 467-5169 or 467-8066.

93 Yard Sale

DEADLINES FOR YARD, GARAGE SALES advertisements appearing in THURSDAY'S Editions of THE SEA COAST ECHO is 5 p.m. TUESDAY'S.

EVERYDAY IS SALE DAY AT YOUR Bay St. Louis Goodwill Store, Bay Mall Shopping Center, Dunbar & Highway 90. Mon. thru Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 467-7277.

96 Wanted To Buy

ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, TOOLS, dolls, furniture. One piece or house full. Call 467-2628 days.

DON'T FEEL LIKE HAVING a yard sale? Call us. Will buy one piece or house full. Furniture, antiques, tools, collectibles. 255-3533, leave message.

QUICK CASH FOR ALMOST ANYTHING before yard sale hassle, moving or cleaning out. We buy households, furniture, antique, tools, toys, bric-brac, etc. Piece or house full. No answer leave message. 467-4857.

WE BUY (OLD) WATCHES, wrist, & pocket, rings, gold, estate pieces \$ cash \$ Bayou Jewelers. 466-0425.

126 Campers/Motorhomes

LIKE NEW 30' PARTY BARGE, one owner, \$12,500. 466-2505.

128 Boats & Motors

19 FOOT GULFLINE BOAT: Center console, 85 Yamaha less than 20 hours. \$8,500. Page 850-7527.

26 FT. PEARSON O.D., SLOOP, 9.9 HP Johnson, new roller furling, well maintained, \$7,900 obo. 467-3837.

39' STEEL BOAT W/471, 2/1 clutch. Needs cabin, \$1,000. 467-9517.

'92, 16' COMPAGNA, '97 60HP Yamaha. SS prop, fish finder, factory warranty. Boat, motor, trailer. Call 463-9607.

136 Automobiles

1983 CADILLAC, GOOD CONDITION, runs good, \$1,100. Call 255-3778.

1984 MONTE CARLO, \$1,200. Call 255-3778/after 5:30 weekdays/anytime on weekends for more info.

MUST SELL!! '86 ESCORT, 4-dr, hatch, 5-speed, a/c, radio. 467-6688.

136 Automobiles

1993 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER VAN SE, all power, one owner, \$7,990. 0 down, financing available. Danny Farrell. 1-504-641-9595.

1994 CHEVY BARETTA 2 DR, AUTO, a/c, 40K miles, \$6,990, \$189 per month. 0 down. Danny Farrell. 1-504-641-9595.

1994 MAZADA 929, 4 DR, ALL POWER, 40K miles, \$13,990. Priced to sell. 0 down. Danny Farrell. 1-504-641-9595.

1995 HYUNDAI SONATA GLS 4 dr, leather, p. sunroof, Cd player, all power, \$8,990. 0 down, low payments. Danny Farrell. 1-504-641-9595.

89 CULASS CIERA SL: 4 door, loaded, excellent condition, \$4,500. 467-3716.

'94 GEO METRO, 2 DR, AUTO, a/c, 20K miles, \$4,890. 0 down, \$119 per month. Danny Farrell, Lakeshore Chrysler. 1-504-641-9595.

AUTO INSURANCE WITH MONTHLY PAYMENTS as low as \$24. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

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\$0 DOWN SPECIAL
'95 Isuzu P/U \$174.69
'93 Geo Prizm \$163.33
'94 Nissan Sentra \$177.75
'95 Ford Ranger \$197.63
'94 Ford Escort \$169.69
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All you need is a good job
ALL APPLICATIONS APPROVED
1-800-214-5193

138 Trucks, Vans

1982 FORD XLT CLUB VAN, 8 passengers, duel air and duel tanks, AT, PS, loaded, great condition, \$3,000 obo. 467-2938.

1988 FORD BRONCO 4x4, super clean, \$5,500. Call 255-3778/after 5:30 weekdays/anytime on weekends for more info.

1994 JEEP CHEROKEE, 4 DR, RED, a/c, 6 cyl, \$7,490. 0 down, Danny Farrell. 1-504-641-9595.

1995 FORD RANGER, EX CAB, V-6, one owner, like new, \$9,390. 100% financing available. 1-504-641-9595.

90' DODGE RAM, \$1,000 obo. 467-6072.

'96 FORD RANGER EX-CAB, V-6, auto, cruise, tilt, jump seats, alum. wheels, liner, factory warranty, 29K miles, \$10,900; '91 Toyota X-Cab, V-6, auto, shell, alum. wheels, \$6,200. 467-7142.

MUST SELL!! '85 FORD F150, 6-cyl, auto, a/c (Propane). 467-4688.

146 Rooms For Rent

PRIVATE ROOM, entrance, bath. 255-9246.

147 Apt. For Rent

CONVENIENT 2 BR/1 BA, new carpet, paint, pet-free environment, \$425/mo. 467-1393.

GULF GROVE APARTMENTS - 1, 2 and 3 bedrooms. \$100 deposit, ask about our 2 bedroom special. Corner of Hwy. 90 & Waveland Ave. Waveland. 467-3122.

Unique 2 bedroom floor plan, pool, tennis court. No utility deposit for qualifying residents. Flexible leases for transfers, appointments available after hours and weekends. \$470 month. Oak Park Apartments 467-6882.

147 Apt. For Rent

PASS CHRISTIAN ISLES: 1 bedroom, 1 bath, near beach. Utilities included, \$325 per month, plus deposit. 452-3241.

SIGNATURE LAKE APARTMENTS. One bedroom, starting at \$360; Two bedroom starting at \$395; Three bedroom at \$495. Section 8 welcome. Call about our move in special. 452-9901.

SUN SUITES EXTENDED STAY HOTEL Fully equipped kitchen/bath, living area, laundrymat, queen size beds, cable. No lease. Starting at \$149.00 wkly. 466-5251.

WATERFRONT: UNFURNISHED, 1500 sq. ft., 2/bedroom, dining room, 1 1/2 bath, all kitchen appliances, washer/dryer hook-ups, pet-free environment, \$450/month plus deposit. 467-6849.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2 BEDROOM, FENCED YARD, \$300/month. Lease & deposit required. 463-9148.

2 BEDROOM TRAILER FOR RENT. Call 255-7180.

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH WATERFRONT mobile home, quiet neighborhood, water & lawn care provided, 8x10 storage, pet & smoke free, \$315/month, \$200/deposit. 467-1380.

2 BR, CENT. H/A, WASHER/DRYER, \$360/mo, dep. & lease required. For more info call 467-7972.

CAMPER TRAILER FOR RENT: VERY clean, furnished including cable tv & lot rent. \$300/mnth. 467-0663.

TWO & THREE BEDROOMS. Partially furnished. Laundrymat. Cable available. Pet-free environment Close to Wellman. Monthly/weekly. Pearlinton, MS. 601-533-7001.

UNFURNISHED, 2 BR/1 BA, H/A, carpeted, good location in Waveland. \$350/mo., dep. required. (504)286-3819/leave message on recorder.

UNFURNISHED, 3 BR/2 BA, H/A, carpeted, carport, quiet area on Hwy. 90. \$450/mo., deposit required. (504)286-3819/leave message on recorder.

WATERFRONT: SMALL 1BR/1BA, pet-free/smoke-free environment. Water furnished. \$240/mo., \$150/deposit, lease/ references required. 467-1380.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH TRAILER, 1 acre, shed, pool, fenced. \$4,000/down, \$365/mo. 466-0261.

TAKE OVER PAYMENTS! 16x80 3 bedrooms. 601-208-3600.

LIKE NEW DOUBLEWIDE PRICED to sell. 228-832-6528.

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Big Round Bales of Hay For Sale

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OAKWOOD HOMES: We have 26 beautiful homes and 3 ugly ones. 888-208-3600.

\$379 MONTH!! 28x80, 5BR/2BA, 2,000+ SQ.FT. \$49,250. \$5,400 down, 7.99%, 30 years. Limited factory direct offer (optional a/c, skirting available). AAA Homes, 1-800-256-9956.

INSURANCE FOR YOUR MOBILE HOMES: Best Prices on the Coast. Easy monthly payments. Call Paul Smith Insurance Agency, 467-4607 or 467-1152.

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FALL MADNESS. WE'VE GONE MAD! "No payment til March '98; "X-tra low, low down payments; "X-tra low monthly payments; "Special pricing and rebates on select models; "Free delivery; "Could there be anything else? For more information call 504-649-7600 or 1-800-256-9956. AAA Homes, 1-10, Slickell.

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ABANDONED MOBILE HOME, 1 ACRE home site. 601-831-0584.

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150 Unfurn. Houses For Rent

2-3 BR/1 1/2 BA IN BSL. Carpeted, \$400/mo, deposit & lease required. 466-0509/leave message.

2 BEDROOM HOUSE, PET-FREE environment. \$450/month plus deposit. 467-6072.

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH HOUSE, quiet neighborhood, close to beach in Waveland, pet-free, \$450/month, \$450/deposit, 6 month lease required. 467-4677.

3BR, 1 1/2 BA in Spanish Acres, \$695 per month. Call Bridget at Gertrude Gardner Realtors, Inc. 466-0219, 467-1602.

150 Unfurn. Houses For Rent

414 BOOKTER, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: 2 BR, dining rm, kitchen, living room, sun-porch, deck, inside washer/dryer hook-up, outside storage, lg. fenced yard. \$500/mo., \$400/deposit. 601-467-8377.

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Scottish to celebrate Burns' birthday

On Saturday, Feb. 7, the Scottish Society of Mobile will celebrate the 239th anniversary of Robert Burns' birth with its annual Burns Night Supper at Skyline Country Club, 3851 Government Boulevard, Mobile, Ala.

Robert Burns was born Jan. 25, 1759, in the Ayrshire village of Alloway. Most of the following 37 years, until his death in 1796, were spent working on the land, from farm laborer on his father's farm to farmer himself.

The tradition of the Burns Supper, in recognition and celebration of the poet's life and

work, began in the early years after his death. The first recorded supper occurred in Ayrshire in the summer of 1801. Held in Burns Cottage in Alloway, the party consisted of Burns' closest friends.

Even here at the first recorded dinner, haggis was served. Over the next 10 years the date for the dinners shifted between winter and summer, but eventually, due to the pressure of work in the farming community during the summer months, it was decided that January was the most suitable time.

By 1830 these gatherings

were widespread, not just in Ayrshire and Dumfriesshire, where Burns had lived, but all over the country. This grew into the current-day Burns Federation, based in Kilmarnock, which at present lists 300 to 400 affiliated clubs worldwide.

The Burns Supper exists as a celebration of the art and endeavor of the poet. The underlying objective of a successful supper is how many of the guests go home determined to read him for the first time.

The event is not just a celebration, with all the pleasure that this entails, but is also a reaffirmation of the humanitarian values enshrined in his work.

The Burns Supper evening can be divided into three main sections: the dinner, the speeches and the songs and recitations. The 'slaying' of the Haggis is a vital part of the evening's ritual as well as the speech to 'The Immortal Memory.' Toasts of loyalty, to the lads and lasses, to Burns, etc. occur throughout the evening. The food is traditional Scottish fare.

The poet's dislike of hypocrisy and the unrealistic strictures of the religion of the day often brought him into conflict with the Church, the clergy and the pillars of the community for their conceit and unchristian attitudes.

But his final theme was that of love, and he gave to us to this day some of the sweetest love songs ever written. He took the raw materials from forgotten Scottish songs and tried to express the emotions common to the human race and to the common people whose work was an important element in Scottish culture.

Roberts Burns died after a lifetime of poor health at the age of 37. So it was a sad story in many ways. "Born to command, he was doomed to serve," says one biographer. He had so much failure combined with so much genius.

"All he wanted," he said, "was a life of leisure and decent competence."

He was never able to do full justice to his abilities and this brought on melancholia. He was badly treated by his generation. Everyone bought his poems and read them, but no one made it his business to see that he got a fair chance to write more.

Everyone recognized his genius, but ignored his health and his welfare. Everyone was willing to have him to dinner, but no one saw to it that he could afford to eat dinner the following week. He was loyal to his

Tucker to perform

Tanya Tucker, one of the most successful female country music stars is scheduled to appear at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Country Cajun Crawfish Festival in mid-April.

Tucker, who will appear Saturday night, April 18, joins fellow country music stars Mark Chestnut, David Lee Murphy, Big House, Gary Allen, Paul Brandt and Blackhawk, along with popular local/regional talent in rounding out three days of top country, Cajun and zydeco music.

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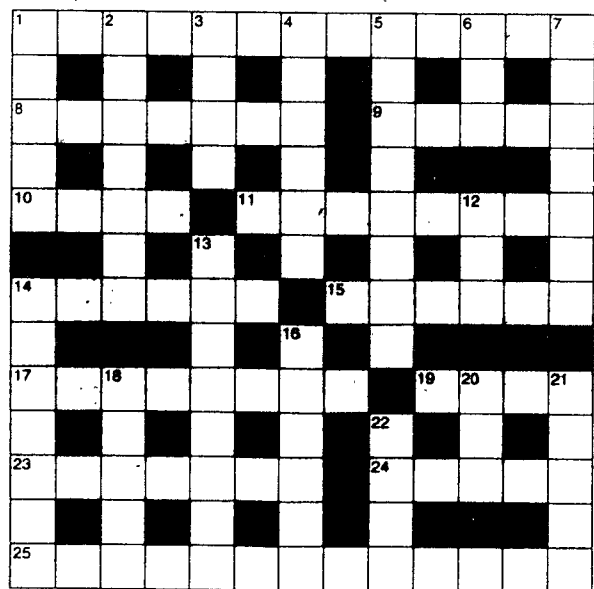
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Succeed
8. Alters
9. Fed
10. Extreme
11. Usage
14. Keen
15. Type of butter
17. Unnatural
19. On top
23. Shade
24. Daddy (British)
25. Out of it

CLUES DOWN

1. Chew
2. Diapsid reptile
3. To have (Scottish)
4. Sadness
5. Drew
6. Graphics, for one
7. Most clammy
12. 007's creator
13. Observed Mosaic law
14. Encloses child
16. Material
18. Polish river
20. Hemp
21. Give strength
22. Swindler (British)

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

1. Cut the mustard
8. Awakens
9. Eaten
10. Peak
11. Practice
14. Peachy
15. Peanut
17. Abnormal
19. Upon
23. Parasol
24. Pater
25. Nowheresville

SOLUTIONS DOWN

1. Champ
2. Tuatara
3. Haed
4. Misery
5. Sketched
6. Art
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